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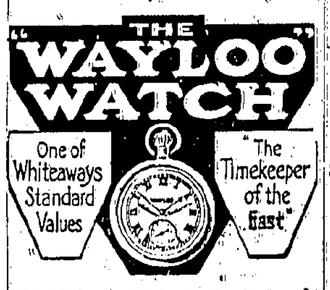

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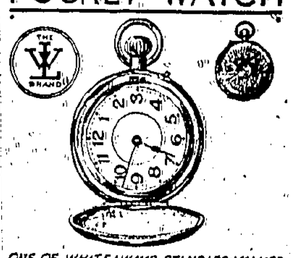

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SHANGHAI TUMULT.

Reign of Terror In The Native City.

SNIPING AND LOOTING.

Viscount Gort and Consul-General In Danger.

The reign of terror continues in the native city of Shanghai, whence refugees, including many foreigners are streaming into the Settlement, amid the crackle of snipers' bullets.

Viscount Gort, V.C., the British Consul-General, Lt.-Col. Heywood and Major Hilton Johnson narrowly escaped capture by the Southerners when engaged on diplomatic missions to the native city.

FLIGHT TO SAFETY.

Stream of Refugees Into The Concessions.

Shanghai, March 23.

Scenes recalling France and Belgium during the war were witnessed this afternoon in the populous suburbs adjoining the disturbed area of Chapei, whence a cosmopolitan throng of refugees, including many British and Japanese, are flocking into the Settlement.

Chapei means "north of the gate" and is the most important part of the native city around Shanghai directly adjoining the Settlement.

Amid crackle of snipers' bullets, roads were crowded with a steady steam of ricshas, wheel-barrows, motor cars and other vehicles all heavily laden with hastily packed bags and bundles.

The Municipal authorities are assisting the evacuation with a fleet of motor trucks which armoured cars are escorting to safety from a concentration point established at a boys' school.

Shanghai's Resources Taxed.

Three hundred small Chinese and foreign children have been brought in from a French convent in Chapei with the assistance of Northern soldiers.

Large numbers of Chinese are joining the general exodus which adds greatly to the strain which the arrival of the refugees from up-river has already placed upon Shanghai's resources of accommodation.

Some have been lodged in the central hospital and others are relying on the hospitality of friends. The remainder have to find shelter where they can. There is already a growing shortage of of fish and meat in the Settlements.—Reuter.

BARRIERS RUSHED.

Durhams Inflict Numerous Casualties.

Shanghai, March 23.

Following the appearance of Nationalist regulars yesterday afternoon, Northerners rushed the Settlement barriers at various points held by the Durhams and opened fire, to which the British replied, inflicting considerable casualties and repulsing all attacks.

Practically all the Northerners have since given up their arms and gained peaceful admission to the Settlement or else they have capitulated to the Cantonese.

There was intensive armoured car patrolling through the Settlement yesterday evening. The defence line was again quiet.

It is hoped the arrival of the Nationalist forces will help to quell the Chapei disturbances.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Foreigners in Southerners' Hands.

The Chief of Staff, Viscount Gort, V.C., the Consul-General, Sir Sydney Barton, a Staff Officer, Lt.-Col. T. G. G. Heyward, R.A., and the Shanghai Municipal Council official, Major Hilton Johnson all narrowly escaped capture by the Southerners this evening when engaged on diplomatic missions to the native city.

Viscount Gort and Sir Sydney Barton were arranging the evacuation of the children of the Anglo-French Convent in Chapei when they were seized by a Cantonese detachment which only released them after Sir Sydney Barton had established their identity.

Lt.-Col. Heywood and Major Hilton Johnson were returning to the Settlement after consultation with the Cantonese commander in the native city at the latter's suggestion when they encountered a demonstration by which they were held up for an hour before they were rescued.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL DETAILS.

Attempts to Break Through Barriers.

Rugby, March 22.

The Premier made a statement in the House of Commons regarding the situation at Shanghai. He said that at six o'clock last night there were reported to be 23,000 Cantonese troops in the area immediately south of the French Settlement, but that number was probably exaggerated.

The Chinese police stations outside the Settlement had been taken over, and their arms seized by agitators who were creating disorder on the Settlement borders.

At the Municipal Council's request, armed guards of the national forces concerned were guarding property outside the cordon. There were three Japanese posts in that district and six British.

The Royal Marines had landed at the riverside area opposite Shanghai to protect British lives and property there.

Defence of Nanking.

The Northern forces were reported to be evacuating Soochow, and it was reported that General Chang Tsung-chang was preparing to defend Nanking strongly.

Soochow is a big city, 70 miles west of Shanghai, on the railway and road to Nanking. Its capture by Cantonese has been claimed already.

Press telegrams indicated that in the Settlement the situation was completely under control. Several attempts had been made by Chinese troops to break through the barriers. One large body of Northerners temporarily succeeded but were finally disarmed or ejected.

Sniping Takes Place.

Several shells, presumably misdirected, fell in the Settlement, but without loss of life to foreigners. Considerable sniping into the Settlement has taken place. Japanese Marines have replied, and men of the Durham Regiment, were compelled to retaliate in one case, though they did not reply to other sniping for fear of hitting innocent persons.

The Southern Nationalist forces control practically all the native city, but in the Chapei district adjoining the Settlement some Shantungese are still resisting. In this area hooligan gangs are looting and burning Chinese property.—British Wireless Service.

GENERAL UNREST.

Women and Children Leave Outports.

Wireless messages received by the local naval authorities this morning indicate a general state of unrest in many centres, with evacuation of women and children proceeding in the majority of cases.

At Hankow a general state of uneasiness and unrest prevails.

At Wuhu a proclamation has been issued by Chang Kai-shek ordering the safety of foreigners and their property to be respected.

Although the situation at Wuhu is outwardly quiet, the evacuation of foreign women and children has been decided on and is proceeding, H.M.S. "Emerald" assisting.

Wuhu is on the Yangtse, above Nanking, and in Anhui province. It is the base of the Southern expedition against Nanking.

Wuhu Not Safe.

In view of difficulty experienced in obtaining access and exit from the city at Wuhu, the women and children (numbering 50 British and 150 Americans) have been

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"HOPSANG'S" SECRET.

What the Pirate Gang Missed.

TWENTY-TWO LEWIS GUNS!

A very considerable seizure of arms was made on the s.s. "Hopsang" this morning by a Police party who carried out a search, acting on information received.

In the dry tank under the boilers in the Engine rooms, 22 complete Lewis guns are reported to have been seized, also nine revolvers (Spanish make), an automatic revolver and from 10,000 to 20,000 rounds of Lewis gun ammunition.

The actual figures are not confirmed by the Police who, however, confirm the fact that a seizure of arms was made this morning.

The "Hopsang" is the Indo-China ship which arrived yesterday after having been pirated and taken to Bias Bay.

The ship is to leave for Canton to-day and it is to be presumed, the smuggled arms and ammunitions were destined for Canton.

Some of the crew of the "Hopsang" have been taken into custody. The Nos. 1 and 2 of the Engine Room staff are reported to be missing.

LATEST NEWS.

Stop press news of almost sensational character concerning Lt.-Col. Heywood and Major Hilton Johnson's escape will be found on the back page.

GOING NORTH.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO LEAVE SHORTLY.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

The s.s. "Herminius" with the 1st/Devonshires aboard, was still alongside Holt's wharf this afternoon but it is understood that she may sail at any moment for Shanghai. Other possible troop movements are still in abeyance.

H.M.S. "Argus" (the aircraft carrier) will be leaving for Shanghai shortly.

H.M.S. "Frobisher" and H.M.S. "Danae" are cruising in the neighbourhood of Bias Bay (presumably in view of the latest piracy).

H.M.S. "Hermes" and some of the cruisers have also left harbour. It is stated that the cruisers are exercising but the naval authorities decline to state where the cruisers have gone or whether their ultimate destination is Shanghai.

MORE BRITISH FILMS.

London, March 22.

The House of Commons by 243 to 135 votes passed the cinematograph Bill.—Reuter.

[The Bill is designed to encourage the British film industry by requiring cinemas to show a certain percentage of British films.]

CHINA COAST.

THE PAY OF OFFICERS TO BE REDUCED.

DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

It is understood that the European officers of the China Navigation Company (Butterfield and Swire) have been circularised by the Company that their pay will be reduced 10 per cent. as from April 1 next.

This will affect some hundreds of officers, members of the two China Coast Officers' guilds, and on the ground that cost of living has increased very considerably of late it is understood that developments are not improbable.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day, was 1/11 9/16.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S ANXIETY.

Another Three Thousand Marines Ready.

POSITION "VERY TENSE."

Further Questions in British Parliament.

Convinced that the Shanghai situation is pregnant with dangerous possibilities, the United States is anxiously watching events, ready to despatch further forces to the scene, if necessary.

Answering questions in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister emphasized the gravity of the situation, owing to Shanghai "seething with mobs that might get out of hand any moment."

MORE MARINES.

America to Protect Her Nationals.

Washington, March 22.

President Coolidge and his advisers are anxiously watching the situation at Shanghai. There are indications that whatever steps they decide to take will be taken in close co-operation with Britain and France. It is generally conceded that the situation holds the danger of a serious incident developing with more momentous results than the Boxing rising.

The American Chief Commander of the Asiatic Fleet, in an official despatch yesterday described the situation as "very tense," adding that a strike was impending and murderous attacks on loyal Chinese were increasing.

"Masterly Inactivity."

The news of the landing of the American marines was received with certain relief, as some feeling had been aroused by the publication of newspaper despatches from Shanghai ironically contrasting the "masterly inactivity" of the American marines aboard their ships and the business-like efficiency of the British military preparations.

Reuter learns that while there is no intention of immediately sending reinforcements to China, 3,000 Marines are being held in readiness at Quantico, Virginia, and will, if necessary, be despatched together with three scout cruisers at present at Honolulu.

It is emphasised that American lives and property will be protected with all the Government's resources. — Reuter's American Service.

SHANGHAI CRISIS.

Questions In the House of Commons.

London, March 22.

Replying to a question by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, detailed recent happenings at Shanghai. He provoked loud laughter by stating that the Nationalists' advance was facilitated by the fact that the Northern Commander, General Pi Shouchen, made terms with the Nationalists and had been appointed Commander of their Forty-First Army.

The Prime Minister assured the House that the situation was well in hand.

Mr. MacDonald asked where the Punjabis were attacked when one was killed and one wounded.

Mr. Baldwin believed that the attack was made inside the cordon but outside the Settlement.

Capt. G. M. Garro-Jones (Labour) asked whether there had been any diplomatic contact with the Cantonese, and if not, whether Mr. Baldwin would attempt to establish it.

Mr. Baldwin replied that the British Consul-General was in constant touch.

Capt. Garro-Jones asked with whom.

Mr. Baldwin replied that in such a kaleidoscopic situation you had to be in touch with whoever you could.

Major H. E. Crawford (Conservative) asked if there had been a threat to the civil population.

Mr. Baldwin said that depended on what was meant by a threat. He added that the place was seething with mobs that might get out of hand any moment.—Reuter.

FALL OF SHANGHAI.

Press Comment on the Situation.

London, March 22.

Graphic stories of the fall of Shanghai are featured in the day's papers nearly all of which comment on the importance of the event.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the worst has happened in Shanghai and for the worst the British Government, to its lasting honour, was prepared. It is of the opinion that for the future much depends on the attitude of Chang-Kai-shek and the influence he is able to wield. It declares that Shanghai will not produce a tael for him or for anyone until order has been restored and the foreign trading community is enabled to resume its activities. The problems of diplomacy can wait until the security of their lives is ensured.

The "Morning Post" regrets that there is no unified authority on the international side, but hopes that all the Governments are agreed that nothing is to be gained by pusillanimity, and that everything is to be gained by resolution.

Labour Paper Silent.

The "Daily Herald" does not comment on the subject although it gives prominence to the Shanghai news.

The "Daily Mail" expresses the opinion that as long as British lives and property are not assailed it is not our concern what the contending forces do, although anything weakening and improverishing China and the Chinese is regrettable.

The "Westminster Gazette" says that the fall of Shanghai brings face to face the necessity of carrying out Sir Austen Chamberlain's policy. The attitude of the Nationalists and the British has up to the present been correct and it is imperative that we endeavour to come to an agreement with the Nationalists at the earliest moment.

Dangerous Possibilities.

The "Daily News" hopes that the incidents reported will not be taken too tragically and will not be allowed to become the cause of war, or to develop casually and insidiously from sporadic occurrences into a general armed mix-up. It emphasises the conciliatoriness of British policy and points out that it is obviously to the interest of the Cantonese to prevent an attack on the foreign settlements. It asks if the Municipal Council has framed a policy for friendly discussion with the Cantonese Government and if so does it accord with the British standpoint? "Its continued silence on the subject at this vital moment for China and the world is not one of the most reassuring factors in the present situation."—Reuter.

POST OFFICE STRIKE.

SHANGHAI PAPER'S STRONG COMMENT.

Shanghai, March 23.

The Post Office strike is becoming a serious affair, all international mail matter being held up. As the "North China Daily News" remarks in an editorial this morning, "that it should be possible for such an institution to be completely paralyzed twice in the short space of one month would be unbelievable if it were not only too true."

"It is a matter," continues the newspaper, "that affects not only the local postal officials, the striking postal workers and the unfortunate houses and individuals whose mails have been held up indefinitely, but the whole fabric of the international postal system.

"It is a flagrant violation of the International Postal Agreement which all the nations concerned regard as binding and as unbreakable as any international compact could be, and that China has broken that agreement in a manner that must be unprecedented anywhere must constitute an ill augury for the future of the Chinese post office."—Reuter.

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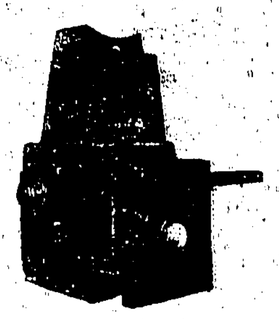

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Hong Kong, 19th February, 1927.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

LONDON BULLION.

THE OUTLOOK FOR SILVER OBSCURE.

A CERTAIN STEADINESS LIKELY.

In their weekly bullion letter of February 2 Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co. state:—

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £150,081,305 on the 26th ultimo as compared with £150,235,435 on the previous Wednesday.

The total amount of gold available yesterday in the open market was about £790,000. The greater part of the supplies—£602,000—was bought for America, the balance being divided as follows:—the Continent £100,000, the trade £56,000, and India £32,000.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced:

	Received	Withdrawn
Jan. 27	nil	£48,000
" 28	nil	30,000
" 29	nil	62,000
" 31	nil	30,000
Feb. 1	nil	60,000
" 2	nil	148,000

Of the withdrawals £369,000 was in sovereigns destined as follow:—

Spain £276,000, Holland £40,000 and India £53,000. During the week under review the net withdrawal from the Bank was £378,000, making a net efflux for the year of £224,000. The net efflux since the resumption of an effective gold standard, according to the daily bulletins of the Bank, is now £5,548,000.

Indian trade figures for the calendar year 1926 have been cabled as follow:—

	Lacs of Rupees
Imports of Merchandise on private a/c	23367
Exports of Merchandise, including re-exports, on private a/c	32924
Net imports of Gold	2324
Net imports of silver	1875
Net imports of Currency Notes	11
Total visible Balance of Trade (in India's favour)	5501
Net Balance on Remittance of funds (against India)	995

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for December, 1926 amounted to 48,063 ounces, as compared with 51,090 ounces for November 1926 and 49,307 ounces for December, 1925.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the week ended the 26th ultimo were:—

Imports.

British South Africa	£409,770
Other countries	3,920
Total	413,690

Exports.

Russia (U.S.S.R.)	£1,588,820
Germany	15,255
Netherlands	114,000
France	20,700
Arabia and other Native States	25,000
Egypt	27,410
British India	54,455
Straits Settlements	20,516
Other countries	411
Total	1,866,567

Silver.

On the whole the silver market has just now a steady tone. Silver prices under the pressure of some nervous Indian bears, coupled with an inquiry from China, rose sharply on the 29th ultimo, 15/16d. for both deliveries. A reaction set in, which carried prices down the next two days 11/66d. To-day China demand has been eliminated by the New Year festivities, lasting until Monday the 7th inclusive. The news that 3,600 bars have been shipped from Bombay for China probably accounts for a substantial rise in prices in the former market and for Indian biquiries received here to-day for prompt shipment together with bear covering from the same quarter. The demand on an all supplied market rallied quotations to 27.3/4d. for cash and 27.1/2d. for forward delivery.

The immediate future is obscure, but so long as stocks in Shanghai do not suffice for the immediate pressure, a certain amount of steadiness is not unlikely.

United Kingdom imports and exports of silver during the week ended the 26th ultimo were:—

Imports.

Denmark	£15,205
U.S.A.	97,419
Other countries	23,425
Total	136,049

Exports.

Austria	£15,890
British India	180,760
Other countries	12,292
Total	208,942

COTTON MARKET.

New York, March 21.

The Department of Commerce, in an announcement of the cotton crop of 1926, has finally placed it at the unexpected low figure of 17,910,000 bales. This has surprised the trade and there has been a frenzied outburst of buying followed in the pit by the largest throng seen there for months, trying to cover. Prices advanced from 26 to 54 points. The news that the home and foreign trade were buying were also factors. Later private estimates of a larger Indian crop checked the demand, and the market closed from 32 to 39 points higher on the day.—Reuter's American Service.

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PRECIOUS METALS.

THE WORLD'S GOLD AND SILVER.

Some Interesting Figures.

Some interesting figures relating to the world's stock of gold are contained in Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co.'s annual bullion letter. The total visible stock of the metal held in the British Empire amounts to roughly £256,295,000, of which £149,856,430 represents the stock held by the Bank of England on Dec. 29 last against notes. The Dominion Government held £24,463,000 at the end of October, 1926, as a reserve against the note issue and savings bank deposits; the Canadian central gold reserves were £5,521,000, and the Chartered Banks of Canada held £14,174,000 in the Dominion and abroad, including some subsidiary coin. The Commonwealth Bank, at the end of last August, held £23,582,065 against notes, while the Indian note reserves held in India at the end of 1926 represented £22,320,000. The national gold reserves of the United States totalled £842,710,000 at the end of November last, of which £580,550,000 was in the Federal Reserve Banks, and the balance of £262,155,000 in the Treasury. The holding of the State Bank of France at the end of last month was £220,130,000, while the Belgian State Bank held £123,081,000 and the German State Bank £66,955,000, the French and German amounts including sums held abroad.

During 1926 the imports of gold into the United Kingdom totalled £38,550,761, this amount exceeding the exports by £11,398,163. South Africa contributed £33,538,746 to the imports, the next largest amount being £2,537,492 from Russia, against which we exported £1,057,000 to that country. The net exports to Germany were £12,548,753, and to the Netherlands £2,780,113. The price paid for gold by the Reichsbank has been 2,790 marks per fine kilo, but it does not bind itself to take unlimited quantities at that figure.

Silver.

Dealing with the fall in the price of silver during 1926 the review points out that sentiment alone is often the most potent factor in the market for that metal.

The amount of silver which comes into the market from production or other sources represents but a fraction of the silver bought and sold daily in the London market. The bulk consists of silver which figures upon previous of fresh contracts for forward delivery. China exchange operations also are tantamount to buying or selling silver, and daily dealings in Shanghai, &c., are often many times larger than London silver contracts. Hence, on a given day, London silver contracts and China exchange contracts may easily total twenty-five times the value of that day's silver output throughout the world. Hence the sentiment which dictates these orders—in other words the attitude of bulls and bears—may actually have much more to do with the world value of silver than transactions based on the mining output of the day.

The world production of silver in 1926 is estimated at 243,000,000 fine ounces, a decrease of 2,000,000oz., or 0.8 per cent., as compared with 1925, but an increase of 6 per cent. in comparison with the pre-war record year—1912. As to the future of silver, it is remarked that the omens are not propitious. Apart from China it has ceased to be the basis of any important currency, while the Royal Commission upon Indian currency has proposed changes which, it is expected, will hinder the fresh mintage of silver.

The possibility of material reduction in output is doubtful, and a general return to a policy of coining silver can hardly be expected when details of expense are so crucial to the crippled world. A good demand may be expected from the Indian bazaars, despite Indian Government dissuasion of hoarding, but any chance of an improvement depends upon falling prices. In present circumstances China is fully, if not over supplied, and at the time of writing the outcome of Chinese politics is still enigmatic. Manufacturing use of silver throughout the world may be expected to expand with improving trade conditions, and to be assisted by a lower level of silver quotations, but the process will be slow, though progressive; in the meantime the mines of the world will continue to produce plentifully and to place their output in the world markets for sale. In these circumstances, the outlook can hardly be regarded with confidence, and producers will be fortunate to obtain prices as good as those which obtained at the conclusion of the year under review. Indeed, pressure of adverse factors might conceivably depress prices so as to rival previous records, and meanwhile the sale of demonetized rupees will probably remain in suspense over the market, like the sword of Damocles.

Reminder: annual meeting of Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.

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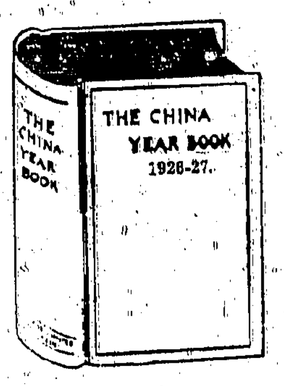

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				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾脊	lb.	30	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	30	23	12
" Corned	鹹牛肉	"	32	23	12
" Roast	燒肉牛	"	30	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	26	20	18
" Soup	湯肉	"	26	20	18
" Steak	牛扒	"	30	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛柳	"	45	30	35
" Sausages	牛腸	"	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	60	50	60
" Tongue, corned	鹹牛脷	"	—	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	$1.20	—	$1.20
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	13	14
" Hump, Salt	牛肩	"	34	20	13
" Feet	牛蹄	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	lb.	25	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	"	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	50	26	—
" Leg	羊腿	"	50	26	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	48	24	—
" Saddle	羊肉	"	55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	"	40	—	27
" Brains	豬腦	Per set	3	—	12
" Feet	豬手	lb.	17	15	—
" Fry	豬什	"	28	15	18
" Head	豬頭	"	18	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	"	13	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	40	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	"	33	25	23
" Leg	豬腿	"	35	—	—
" Loin	豬腰	"	38	60	70
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	23	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	35	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	14	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	58	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬仔	lb.	20	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	30	20	18
" Mutton	羊油	"	50	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	40	20	20
" " No. 1		"	32	—	—

Fish.

			March 17, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Barbel	鯇魚	lb.	20	19	24
Bream	鯛魚	"	24	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	(塘魚 (省城淡水 海鮮	"	20	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	"	26	16	27
Catfish	鮰魚	"	30	12	9
Codfish	雪魚	"	28	20	25
Crabs	蟹	"	60	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	18	16	2
Dab		"	70	23	16
Dace	青竜	"	14	10	9
Dog Fish	鯊肚	"	12	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	"	28	16	—
" Fresh Water	淡水鰻	"	20	10	18
" Yellow	黃鱔	"	28	26	30
Frogs	田石龍	"	55	32	25
Garoupa	石斑	"	75	40	30
Gudgeon	白鱔	"	20	18	15
Herrings	鯖魚	"	30	22	18
Halibut	白甲魚	"	28	18	28
Labrus	黃花魚	"	30	22	18
Loach	鰍魚	"	55	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	45	32	21
Mackerel	馬鮫魚	"	28	20	26
Monk Fish	老虎魚	"	36	32	28
Mullet	鯔魚	"	28	13	2
Oysters	蠔豉	"	30	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚公	"	26	14	9
Perch	花斑	"	28	20	15
Pike	魚	"	15	16	9
Plaice	黃魚	"	28	28	14
Pomfret, Black	鯧魚	"	40	26	20
Pomfret, White	鯧魚	"	45	36	30
Prawns	蝦	"	75	36	45
Ray	鱝魚	"	12	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑公	"	16	13	18
Roach	鯇魚	"	23	22	16
Salmon	鮭魚	"	70	36	30
Shark	沙魚	"	10	8	10
Skate	鱝魚	"	16	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	"	45	26	36
Snapper	立魚	"	55	32	30
Soles	鰈魚	"	30	28	23
Tench	丸魚	"	32	23	18
Turbot	牡口	"	30	18	12
Turtles, small fr. water	龜	"	$1.20	40	—

Poultry.

			March 17, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	55	30	31
Capons, Small	雞	"	50	28	30
Capons, Large	肥雞	"	55	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	40	22	21
Doves	乳鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	45	36	24
Geese	鵝	"	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	80	—
" Hoihow	海口鴿	"	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	70	51	45
Snipe	沙錐	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	$2.50	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	35	—	2
Partridges	雞	"	—	—	—

Fruits.

			March 17, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	香蕉	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	0
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	8	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	42	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	14	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	18	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	15	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	—	8	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹邏柚	each	12	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	16	—	15
Grapes	葡萄	"	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

			March 17, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Artichokes	鴨芝竹	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽豆	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	長角豆	"	17	8	—
Beet Root	紅吉頭	each	2	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	25	—	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	8	5	9
" Red	紅瓜	"	8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	6	5	12
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	"	14	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗	"	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大鵝朱花花	each	18	—	—
" (Medium)	中鵝朱花花	"	15	—	—
" (Small)	細鵝朱花	lb.	12	6	6
Carrots	金笋	"	8	6	8
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	8	10	6
Chillies, Dried	乾辣椒	"	25	25	5
" Red	紅辣椒	"	25	10	16
" Green	青辣椒	"	—	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜用材料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	25	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	"	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	8	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	7	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		"	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	"	8	45	—
Lettuce	鵝生菜	"	7	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	7	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菇	"	—	—	8
Okroes		"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	紅蔥頭	"	9	8	8
" Green	生蔥	"	5	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥頭	"	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	20	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	3	3	—
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	5	3	—
" American	金山薯仔	"	6	3	—
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	4	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃	"	15	—	10
Shallots	千葱	"	10	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	"	7	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	"	8	7	—
Taros	芋頭	"	4	6	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	"	4	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	"	—	4	—
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DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1927.

NOTICE.

WE beg to inform the public that hitherto cheques and other negotiable instruments and all other documents, chopped with the chop of our firm and countersigned by our Manager, Mr. Pun Yat Kai only, were recognized and admitted by us. Mr. Pun Yat Kai, however, being now unable to reside permanently in Hong Kong owing to business affairs abroad, WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on and after this date our firm will recognize and admit all cheques and other negotiable instruments and all other instruments chopped with the chop of our firm and countersigned by either the said Mr. Pun Yat Kai or our Treasurer, Mr. Woo Pak Fong, and we shall not be responsible for or recognize any documents otherwise executed.

Dated the 18th day of March, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held in the Pavilion of the Hong Kong Cricket Club on MONDAY, 28th inst., at 5.30. Clubs interested are asked to send a representative.

G. W. SEWELL,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March, 1927, to the 23rd March, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

THE BRITISH LEGION.

Hong Kong & China Branch.

THE 6TH GENERAL MEETING will be held at 5.15 p.m. on THURSDAY, 24th inst., in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BUSINESS:
To receive the Report and Accounts for the year 1926.
To elect Officers.

R. E. CABLE,
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association has been postponed to FRIDAY, April 1st, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
G. E. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1927.

NOTICE.

WE beg to advise that we have been appointed Sole Agents for South China for—

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

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REISS, MASSEY & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 29th March, 1927, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1927, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.50 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1, for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at $5, each up to FRIDAY, 25th March, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the Thirtieth day of March, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the Twenty-first day of April, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

Dated the 12th day of March, 1927.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

NOTICES.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th day of March, to MONDAY, the 28th day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 38TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 22nd March, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

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8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
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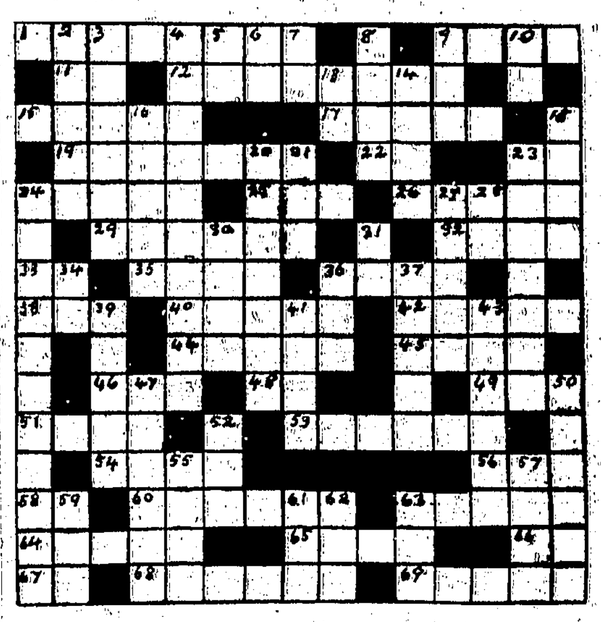

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[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, MAR. 28.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. A long picture or writing in silk, that rolls up (Jap:)
9. To grasp.
11. Prefix meaning "Twice" or "Double."
12. Magazine for military stores.
15. Fierce.
17. Sombrero guano.
19. Bent down.
22. Exclamation of joy.
23. To proceed.
24. A large watery fruit.
25. A point.
26. Soils.
29. The right of first choice belonging to the eldest.
32. Lengthens.
33. Sixth note in scale.
35. A peer of the realm.
36. A tap for liquor.
38. Printer's measure (plural).
40. To form as an orb.
42. To stir up.
44. A genus of moths.
45. An eagle's nest.
46. A period of years.
48. Electro-Plate. (abbrev)
49. The yarn for a weaver's warp.
51. To cry like an owl.
53. Sombre.
54. Prescribed foodstuff.
56. ISN (actual).
58. IA (actual).
60. To crowd.
63. One of the irregular Turkish cavalry.
64. Treble reed musical instruments.
65. A Greek spoutless vase or jug.
66. We.
67. NA (actual).
68. Heavily built.
69. An inlet of the sea.

Clues Down.

2. Ill use.
3. An upper garment.
4. A salad dressing.
5. Alternative.
6. NS (actual).
7. OE (actual).
8. To mix small.
9. HST (actual).
10. Number abbreviated.
13. Word of denial.
14. A limestone.
16. Unbound.
18. To fling heedlessly.
20. To confine.
21. A maid employed in a dairy.
28. GREASYB (actual).
24. A wrong doing.
27. A country bumpkin (then reverse it).
28. United Kingdom (abbrev).
30. The eagle.
31. To perform any action.
34. First pers: sing: of verb "To Be."
36. CBA (actual).
37. A thin silk.
39. The wing case of a beetle.
41. Tears open.
43. The muse of astronomy.
47. Severe spasmodic pains in the intestines.
50. To send away.
52. Consumed.
55. First.
57. To close.
59. A camel's hair garment.
61. A tooth on a wheel.
62. A town in Cambridgeshire.
63. SEF (actual).

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
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BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.
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GENOA MARU ..... Sunday, 27th March.
TAMBA MARU ..... Monday, 11th April.

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CEYLON MARU ..... Friday, 1st April.
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MISHIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd April.

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DRUG TRAFFIC.

SEIZURE OF HEROIN ON A STEAMER.

TWO FOREIGNERS CHARGED.

When the s.s. "Atsuta Maru," from Europe, tied up at the Kowloon wharf yesterday afternoon Revenue Officers boarded her to carry out the usual search for contraband. Amongst the luggage of two foreign passengers, in a large wardrobe trunk, the searchers discovered 560 ounces of heroin.

The sequel of the seizure was heard before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning when George Statnigross (Roumanian) and Helena Rogovi-Kumin (Pole) were charged with the unlawful possession of the drug and with importing it without a permit.

Mr. F. G. Vaux, who appeared for the accused, said that he understood spoken Russian, and asked permission to interview them, which was granted.

A quarter of an hour later the case was resumed and Mr. Vaux applied for a remand, saying that he would be ready to proceed with the case in two days' time.

The Magistrate fixed Saturday morning.

Senior Revenue Officer Watt said that he could only agree to a formal remand as he did not think the prosecution would be ready then. He added that the Crown Solicitor would appear to conduct the case against the accused.

The Magistrate (to Mr. Vaux): Are you prepared to plead at the moment?—

Mr. Vaux:—No; I have not got a full statement from them. I shall speak to the Crown Solicitor and try to fix an early date.

His Worship granted a formal remand until 10 a.m., on Saturday, when the date of actual hearing would be fixed.

Asked if he would apply for bail, Mr. Vaux replied that the accused had no money at all. That was why he was anxious to secure an early date.

S.R.O. Watt, in reply to the Magistrate, said that the value of the drug was $5,600.

Mr. Vaux: May I interpret that?

The Magistrate: That is only the value. The penalty is ten times that amount. However, I am prepared to let them have bail in the sum of $10,000 each.

The accused elected to await trial in custody.

TOURISTS COMING.

60 CALIFORNIANS NEXT MONTH.

ON "PRESIDENT POLK."

Under the direction of Mr. D. F. Robertson of Los Angeles, a party of sixty Californians are due to arrive at Hong Kong on April 11 on the "President Polk" on a world tour.

Included in the party are Mr. Ulysses S. Grant, jr., (son of General Ulysses S. Grant, former President of U.S.A.), accompanied by Mrs. Grant; Mr. R. B. Lane, a prominent capitalist of Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Lane and son; Mr. Walter Ralphs, President of Ralphs Grocery Co. of Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Ralphs, son and daughter.

The "President Polk" left Los Angeles on March 8, and has been to San Francisco, Vancouver and Japan. She will be at Shanghai on April 5, whence she will come to Hong Kong.

The party goes from Hong Kong to the Philippines, Ceylon, Egypt, Palestine and on arrival at Naples, will go on a motoring trip through Europe.

There were only two new cases of notifiable disease in the Colony on Tuesday, the patients being Chinese from the city, suffering from small-pox.

An offer to the Canton Municipality of $200,000 a year for a monopoly to impose and collect a tax on electric metres and motors in operation in Canton.

GOOD FOR MASSES.

INDIA'S CURRENCY LAWS DEFENDED.

GOVT'S. "BOLD EXPERIMENTS."

New Delhi, March 22.

The Assembly, after six days' discussion, passed the Currency Bill by 63 to 51 votes. Sir Purshotamadas Thakurdas hoped the "painful process of adjustment which the bill would necessitate in India would be made as light as possible."

He admired Sir Basil Blackett's ability, but he was unable to agree with "his bold existing experiments with the currency."

He declared that Sir Basil Blackett had "frittered away twenty-five millions of India's gold resources collected in two years to maintain the rupee at 18d.

Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya protested against the way the government had "flouted Indian opinion."

Sir Basil Blackett, Finance Member of the Executive Council, replying, declared that the rupee ratio controversy tender to obscure several other great advantages in the suggested currency. The committee maintained that the Government's policy was beneficial to the masses. The Government was acting in what is believed to be the best interests of India. He hoped the necessity would not arise of borrowing outside India.—Reuter.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
HAWAII MARU .....Friday, 8th April.
LA PLATA MARU .....Thursday, 5th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SUMATRA MARU .....Sunday, 3rd April.
HONOLULU MARU .....Tuesday, 19th April.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU .....Sunday, 1st May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU .....Tuesday, 29th March.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Sunday, 27th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU .....Thursday, 14th April.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
ARGUN MARU ..(From Shanghai) Friday, 15th April.
JAPAN PORTS
SOURABAYA MARU .....Thursday, 24th March.
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HOZAN MARU .....Sunday, 27th March, 10 a.m.
KAIJO MARU .....Sunday, 3rd April, 10 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU .....Friday, 25th March, 8 a.m.
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	Departure	Sunday	March 20	5 a.m.
LAHAD DATU	Arrival	Sunday	March 20	8 a.m.
	Departure	Sunday	March 20	5 p.m.
JAMBONGAN	Arrival	Monday	March 21	5 p.m.
	Departure	Wednesday	March 23	6 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Arrival	Wednesday	March 23	2 p.m.
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DELTA	8,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'apore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London
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TALMA	10,000	26th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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JANUS	4,824	25th March 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TEESTA	6,296	27th March	Amoy, Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
COGRA	5,181	27th March	Shanghai
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	6th April	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
JEYPORE	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	13th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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Many friends followed the cortege yesterday evening when the last rites of Mrs. Alice Dawson (wife of late Mr. E. W. Dawson, Hong Kong Civil Service) were observed at the Protestant Cemetery.

The remains of this deceased lady were laid in the same grave as that of her husband, who died in 1917.

The chief mourners were:—Mr. Freddie Dawson (son) Messrs. F. C. Mowfung and E. Mowfung (brothers), W. F. Fincher (brother-in-law), E. C. and E. F. Fincher (nephews), Miss Ruby Mowfung and Mrs. Parkson (sisters).

Others present included, Dr. C. W. McKenny, Miss Sloan, Mr. P. T. Lamble, Capt. Williams, Mr. H. V. Harmon and others.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay and the Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiated.

Wreaths were sent by, "Freddie and Aubrey," sisters and brothers, nephews and nieces, George and Liz, Dr. S. W. Tso, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Messrs. A. Urquhart, J. R. Kinghorn, R. Perry, Chow U-ting and Tso Tsun-on, A. L. Quarrell, Fung Wei-shing, G. F. Zimmern, G. Miskin and C. Blaker, Pang Shiu-ming, H. L. Decer, J. H. Ruttonjee, Li Chor-chi, L. E. Heang.

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Staff of the Lunatic Asylum, bearing the inscription "In Affectionate Memory of an Honourable Colleague," Friends and R. F. A. "Ruphenia," Compradore Department of Messrs. Banker Co., Civil Service Cricket Club, St. Peter's Church, staff of Messrs. Banker Co., Ltd.

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Straits and Calcutta	FOOKSANG .....Sun.,	27th Mar., at 10 a.m.
T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	KWONGSANG ...Wed.,	30th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	SUISANG .....Sat.,	2nd April, at 7 a.m.
T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	HANGSANG ....Sun.,	3rd April, at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING ..Tues.,	5th April, at d'light.
Sandakan	MAUSANG .....Thurs.,	7th April, at 3 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG .....Mon.,	11th April, at 3 p.m.
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The trial opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning of the two remaining men charged in connection with the piracy on the s.s. "Sunning."

Evidence was given by Capt. Pringle who identified the No. 1 prisoner as the man who was struck on the head by a sounding lead and also later by a rifle but when he fired at the Chief Officer. He was also the man who "patted witness on the back" when the "Sunning" passed the s.s. "Anhui" without the latter coming alongside to see whether anything was wrong.

Witness was cross-examined by Mr. C. G. Alabaster as to whether this man and the man laid out on deck when the boarding party arrived from the s.s. "Bluebell" the next morning were the same. Witness maintained that he had no doubt. Questioned as to certain bullet wounds which the prisoner had on his body, witness said he did not know that the man on the bridge had also been shot.

Examined by Mr. G. K. Holmes, for the Crown, witness said he did not know whether or not the wounds in question were inflicted by the other pirates when they tried to re-take the bridge.

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Two motor car touts were this morning fined $10 each by Major Willson at the Central Magistracy.

Traffic Sergt. Baker said that these touts were becoming so cunning now that he had to watch them from a first floor verandah in the Post Office Building.

POLICE R.C. DINNER.

On the evening of April 9, the Police Recreation Club will hold a dinner and dance at the Hotel Savoy to mark the close of the winter sport season and the opening of the lawn bowls season.

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Two dogs were taken to Kennedy Town for observation yesterday. They were removed from No. 56, Sai Street, and No. 3, Landale Street, respectively. Both bit inmates of the houses in which they were kept—a small boy in one case and a woman in the other. The latter received treatment at the hospital.

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Apr.	26	San Francisco	Republic	May	28	P'mth-G'brg	June 6
May	4	Seattle	Aquitania	May	31	G'brg-S'hmptn	June 6
May	10	San Francisco	Homeric	June	11	G'brg-S'hmptn	June 17
May	18	Seattle	Mauretania	June	15	P'mth-G'brg	June 21
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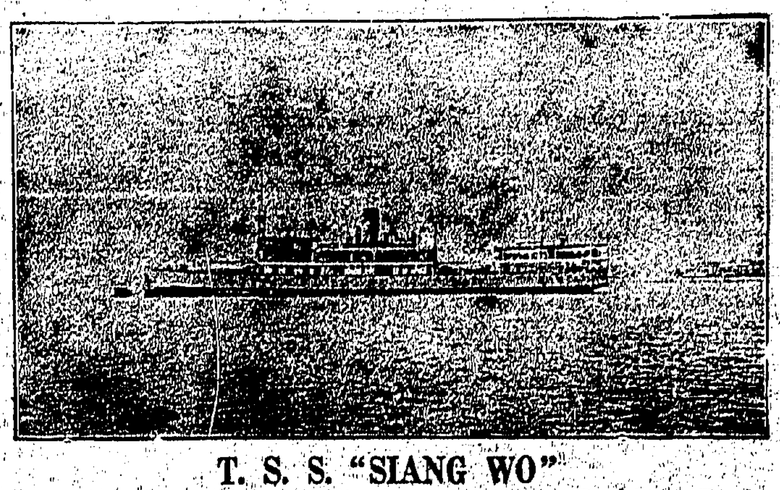

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RAPHAEL.—On March 17, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Raphael, a daughter.

MALCOLM.—At "Bellairs," Troon, Scotland, to the wife of A. A. Malcolm, a daughter.

DEATH.

HAMILTON.—On March 18, 1927, at Shanghai, Ernestine Grace Hamilton.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 23, 1927.

"VERY TENSE."

Even when confronted by a situation which is rightly described as very tense the Labourites in the House of Commons can think of nothing better to do than harass the Government with senseless questions relating to Shanghai. Every little point is seized upon for the sole purpose of trying to place the Government in a quandary. Of course, tactics of this kind cannot hope to succeed. They can only make the Labourites look more ludicrous than ever in the eyes of the country.

Far from ever being placed in a dilemma all the signs point to an absolute triumph for the Government's policy right along the line. Compared with what is described as the "masterly inactivity" of a certain other Power the business-like action of the British in despatching armed forces in sufficient numbers to cope with any emergency, however ugly or threatening, is the subject of admiration even in the United States.

It cannot be expected that Shanghai Native City can be tranquillised within a day or two. The mere entry of the Nationalist Army is not enough in itself to suppress in a twinkling the hordes of defeated Northerners who see in the hour of their discomfiture only a golden opportunity to loot and to terrorise the populace whilst there is yet time to do so. Unfortunately, such a position is pregnant with serious danger to the International Settlement, even in spite of the presence of thousands of foreign armed soldiers bent only on protecting the lives and property of their own nationals. The history of nearly all wars teems with incidents of savagery, sabotage, looting, and devastation on the part of vanquished armies. The tenseness of a situation of this kind can only be heightened when it is remembered that thousands, perhaps, of the belligerent soldiers in China were bandits before they took to the profession of arms. Now that they are again in their natural element there is no saying to what lengths they may go. What happens outside the International Settlement is no concern of foreigners unless the mob is worked up to such a pitch as to threaten the safety of the Settlement itself. Then, of course, the foreign Powers will remain more resolute than ever in their determination to defend the Settlement at all costs. For that they are fully prepared, thanks to the splendid lead of the British Government. But for that lead, and the elaborate defensive precautions involved therein, the peril of the Settlement and those within it might well be exceeding great to-day.

Cancer Scourge.

From time to time various theories are advanced in an attempt to explain the largely increased number of deaths attributed to cancer, but the cause, or causes, remain obscure. According to London advices, Sir Arbuthnot Lane, the celebrated surgeon, in a lecture before the New Health Society in London, said that at one time Australia was free from cancer, which appeared when people began to eat tinned foods and white bread. It is true that as Sir Arbuthnot Lane stated, "cancer has now become a great evil in Australia," but certainly no greater evil than in the majority of European countries. Denmark has the unenviable distinction of heading the list, and some authorities have ascribed this pre-eminence to the extent to which food preservatives are used. Certainly countries in a low state of civilisation appear to be relatively free from the disease, which may possibly be due to the class of food consumed. On the other hand, the greater, and steadily increasing, accuracy of diagnosis, in countries where medical science is more advanced, may be mainly responsible for the higher percentage of deaths there certified as due to cancer. Considered without relation to other circumstances, the theory that the eating of tinned foods is the major cause of cancer receives little support from Australian experience. In the closing years of last century such foods formed the staple diet of a considerable proportion of the population of that country; the death rate from cancer was then about 30 per 10,000 of the population. By 1909 the percentage of deaths ascribed to this disease had doubled, and by 1924 it had trebled.

DRIFTING APART?

Washington, March 22.

Intimation that the United States has been unsuccessful in its efforts to negotiate a commercial treaty with Mexico is contained in an official announcement.

The smuggling convention between the two nations terminates on March 28 and it is not indicated whether this decision foreshadows the raising of the arms embargo by the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

MASSED BANDS.

EVENING CONCERT ON SUNDAY.

QUEEN'S THEATRE TREAT.

The large audiences who were present at the Queen's Theatre during the latter half of last week, when selections were played by the Bands of the 1st Border Regiment and the 1st Cameronians, will be delighted to learn that another treat is in store for them at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday evening.

With his usual enterprise Mr. Ray, of Hong Kong Amusements, Limited, has engaged the massed Bands of the above Regiments to give a concert, on which occasion the usual film will be dropped at the 9.30 performance.

A classic and popular programme has been arranged by the respective Band conductors, the tit-bit of which will be "The Battle of Waterloo," with realistic effects.

The full programme is as follows:

Hymn:—"O God Our Help."
1.—Overture to "Zampa" ..... Herold.
2.—The Unfinished Symphony, Schubert.
3.—Xylophone Duet, "Two Imps," Alford.
4.—Selections from Sullivan's Operas.
5.—Pipers of H.M. 1st Cameronians.
6.—Humoresque, "The Lightning Switch," ..... Alford.
7.—Scena, "In a Monastery Garden," Ketelbey.
8.—Excerpt from "Sunny," .. Kern.
9.—Descriptive Fantasia, "The Battle of Waterloo."

Popular prices are being charged, and booking is now open at the Queen's Theatre.

HEIFETZ.

SECOND QUEEN'S THEATRE RECITAL.

ANOTHER DAZZLING DISPLAY.

Heifetz again played last night at the Queen's Theatre before a full and appreciative house. A contemporary has it—apropos Monday's recital—that Heifetz came, played and conquered. If he did—and he could do no less—he conquered, captured and completely overwhelmed us at the second concert. Starved creatures of music that we are, small wonder that we become a little incoherent in our rhetoric! Again the same dazzling display, again the consummate musicianship, again the demonstration of an art which conceals art.

The first portion of the recital, devoted to music of the old world type, began with a Sonata (Locatelli) of broad and stately design, and two less important items, (a) Les Petits Moulins a Vent (Couperin), (b) Prelude (Bach-Kreisler). The sturdy rhythms of the latter, so consistently marked, reminded one of nothing so much as a serried file of soldiery. More Kreisler than Bach, though. The choice of major work fell upon the peculiar rococo-like "Symphonie Espagnol" of Lalo which, in spite of its designation, has little to do with Spanish idioms. In lavishing all his skill upon it, Heifetz but emphasised its poverty of thought and shallow construction.

After the interval came the evergreen Chopin Nocturne in E. flat major, caressingly treated and topped with a neat little cadenza—the captivating "Cortege" of Lili Boulanger, and two Paganini Caprices gloriously rendered. The final number, the "Zigeunerweisen" of Sarasate, is a firework display too familiar to need comment. Heifetz is incomparable in this sort of thing. Several encores were granted at whose identity we will not hazard a guess. They may have been Achron and Sarasate and on the other hand, they may not.

The concert ended with the National Anthem played by Heifetz and his accompanist, Mr. Achon. A nice gesture.

—H. L. W.

NO BRIBE PROVED.

THOUGHT IT WAS HIS FINE.

CHINESE DISCHARGED.

The Chinese charged with offering a bribe to an Indian constable when arrested with opium in his possession was discharged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

He was defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

The Indian constable who had failed to report after leave and in consequence of whose failure to appear yesterday morning the case was adjourned, stated at the afternoon's hearing that he had mistaken the date of hearing.

His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) asked that the man's action should be brought to the notice of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The defence on which defendant was discharged was that he thought that the fine for opium possession would be fixed when he was taken to the Police station and, as there was considerable difficulty as to interpretation, he pulled out the $30 which he thought would meet the case. He was unacquainted with the full legal procedure which would be necessary before a fine or sentence could be inflicted.

Inspector Grant, cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, said that there had been a certain amount of difficulty as to interpreting.

The jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty.

SHANGHAI TUMULT.

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accommodated in the premises of the International Export Company on the waterfront and as many as possible will leave by the s.s. "Poyang" which is due to arrive to-day from up-river for Shanghai.

An armed naval guard from H.M.S. "Emerald," which was going into the city for protecting foreign property in the event of trouble, was refused entrance through the city gate. The only armed guard now remaining ashore at Wuhu is that protecting the premises where the women and children are assembled.

Strike at Ningpo.

A general strike is reported to have commenced amongst all workers at Ningpo.

Ningpo is outside the "war area." It is a Treaty port to the south of Shanghai, in Chekiang province, and has been in Nationalist hands for some weeks.

Chang Kai-shek left down-river from Kiukiang on Sunday, his destination being Anking.

The general atmosphere ashore at Shashi is friendly, naval parties landed for recreation purposes not being interfered with.

Shashi is far up the Yangtse, above Hankow.

Nearing Nanking.

The Southerners are very near to Nanking and Chinkiang. Gun and rifle fire is heard to the South of the City of Nanking. Most British women and children have been evacuated and arrangements have been made for the evacuation of American women and children.

The Commander of the fort at Chinkiang (Sun Chuan-fang's forces) has issued a notice to the effect that no men-o'-war or merchant vessel "will be allowed" to pass "Silver Island" between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Chinkiang is also on the Yangtse, about 50 miles below Nanking, and is also connected by rail with Shanghai.

AGITATORS ACTIVE.

Considerable Indiscriminate Firing.

Delayed naval messages from Shanghai give recent incidents in the City and Settlement in greater detail.

Referring to week-end incidents, the messages state that Southern troops occupied Lunghwa Junction, and concentrated in large numbers round the Settlement boundaries.

The Municipal Council of the Settlement having declared a state of emergency, all foreign troops moved out to stations previously allotted them. The Volunteers were mobilised and naval landing parties stood by.

General Strike.

A general strike of Chinese workers commenced affecting some 1,400 workers.

Agitators of the Labour classes took over various Police Stations in the native city and disarmed all Police and other officials connected with them.

Considerable indiscriminate firing was in evidence about this time and there was a clash between pickets and coolies, the latter being driven to the Pootung side.

Naval landing parties, standing by on the Pootung side were later relieved by the Battalion of Royal Marines.

Attacks on Punjabi's.

The killing of a Punjabis soldier through fire being opened on a lorry on which he and others were travelling is referred to but no further details given. One other Punjabis soldier was wounded.

Detailing the events of Monday, the messages confirming the turning over to the South of General Pi Shou-chen.

The strike was announced to be of three days' duration to celebrate the Southern forces' victory.

A British force numbering between 20 and 30 was fired on heavily at Hongkew.

Hongkew is a part of the Settlement. Most of the Cantonese population of Greater Shanghai are in this district.

An armoured car was also heavily fired on whilst the soldiers were extricating another which had broken down.

Chinese firing from houses with automatic guns wounded two Punjabis and three of an armoured car crew.

The crew of the armoured car were forced to open fire on the mob but so far as could be ascertained there were no Chinese casualties.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Scene In Chapel "Worse Than Hell."

Shanghai, March 22.

Reuter's Chinese correspondent describes the scene in Chapei as worse than hell. Blocked thoroughfares prevent victims from escaping from robbers and looters. Nothing is heard but shots and the screams of women and children running hysterically hither and thither, many of the women naked owing to soldiers stripping them, mostly however for their clothes and jewels.

They are afraid to remain in their houses for fear of rapers. Sometimes heavily laden soldiers protect themselves with machine-guns carried by fellow soldiers who think nothing of clearing the way down a crowded street by firing and killing scores.

Settlement Clashes.

Later.

The sky is lit up by increasing fires in Chapei this evening.

Several efforts were made by parties of Shantung troops to break through the International Settlement defence cordon this afternoon but they were defeated. Numbers of Shantungers have been disarmed and allowed to enter the Settlement.

In various clashes several Shantung soldiers were killed and wounded. Two men of the Durhams were wounded.—Reuter.

Terrible Orgy.

Shanghai, March 22.

This morning there were 150,000 strikers and business is at a standstill. On the surface, the Foreign Settlements are quiet, thanks alone to the presence of the foreign forces, but there is an orgy of looting, raping, murder and wild fighting going on in the Chinese City and in Chapei, where there are thousands of officerless Shantung troops. The Nationalist forces have not yet arrived in force, but advance units are awaiting the main body, which are not far off. The British defence line is quiet.—Reuter.

Hankow Strikes.

Hankow, March 21.

All the Chinese employees of the foreign banks struck this morning.

The banks are picketed by strikers, who threaten to shut off the food supplies from the staffs of the foreign banks and make their servants leave their post.—Reuter.

Soochow Occupied.

Shanghai, March 22.

The evacuation of women and children at Nanking has begun.

The Southerners have occupied Soochow.—Reuter.

Changchow's Fall.

Nanking, March 21.

Changchow has been taken by the Southerners and the Northerners are retreating up the Nanking-Shanghai Railway.

Women and children have been advised to evacuate to Shanghai by the next boat.—Naval Wireless.

Hankow Censorship.

A communication received from Hankow notifies the decision of the Nationalist Government to censor all foreign mails, both incoming and outgoing, addressed to private individuals, exception being made in the case of all official correspondence clearly addressed to Consular officials and commanding officers of men-of-war.

CHANGE OF COMMAND.

Admiral Bristol For The China Fleet.

Washington, March 22.

Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, at present High-Commissioner at Constantinople, will succeed Admiral Williams in command of the Asiatic Fleet on the latter's retirement in the autumn on attaining the age limit. An ambassador will be sent to Turkey.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANGHAI'S CAPTURE.

French Opinion and Canton's Chance.

Paris, March 22.

"Le Matin" thinks that there is no reason to believe that Chang Kai-shek will commit the weighty error of compromising his resounding success by a coup. Why would the Cantonese not understand that their political position is now a first class one? it asks. They can only realise evolution to definitiveness if an energetic hand is used to put aside over-excited persons.

Amid all these events France has to give thanks for her fair policy of expectation which maintains her entire prestige. "May be the time is coming now for France to act and negotiate.—Havas.

Rejoicing in Moscow.

Moscow, March 22.

According to the official news agency, the news regarding the capture of Shanghai published in special editions aroused jubilant demonstrations in the mills and factories of the principal towns.

The Government organ "Izvestia" says that the fall opens up a new page in the relations between China and the Powers and that the latter will have to abandon their policy of procrastination and choose between agreement with or struggle against the national revolutionary movement.—Reuter.

"HOPSANG" PIRACY

Dutch Passenger Who Resisted.

THE "HAI NING'S" ESCAPE.

On the berthing of the "Hopsang" alongside Jardine's wharf yesterday afternoon, the full story of the piracy reported yesterday was detailed to a "China Mail" representative.

The passenger injured was Mr. Kruger, a Dutch passenger who boarded at Swatow and who had business reasons for getting to Hong Kong quickly. It was explained to him that there was no passenger accommodation aboard but Mr. Kruger said he was prepared to sleep anywhere. Mr. Kruger was sleeping in the saloon at the time of the piracy (11.55 p.m.) and was awakened by two men with objects in their hands which he thought were wooden pistols. Either his conjecture was right or else they took fright at the belligerent attitude Mr. Kruger adopted for they fled precipitately.

A few minutes later, however, they returned with eight other men. Mr. Kruger, still uncowed, proceeded to put up a fight but the revolvers with which these men were armed were certainly not wooden. Several shots were fired at Mr. Kruger, one only of which took effect and this in the foot. Mr. Kruger gave up the struggle.

The Bridge Surprised.

To go back to the beginning of the trouble, however, the 3rd officer (Mr. G. T. L. Hunter) and quartermaster (Chinese) were on the bridge shortly before midnight when they were surprised by a party of armed men who appeared, in the 3rd Officer's words "as if from nowhere." The quartermaster jumped from the bridge to the deck and escaped, in the dark, the pirates' search for him being in vain. The 3rd Officer, realising that it was futile to attempt resistance, signified that he would offer none.

The Master, Captain W. J. Booker, (this, by the way, was his first trip after 12 months' Home leave), awakened by the noise of the quartermaster jumping from the bridge to the deck below near his cabin, went to the door and found himself confronted with two armed men who forced their revolvers in the pit of his stomach and conducted him downstairs to the room of Mr. F. Webster, the 2nd Officer, where he found the 3rd Officer, the Chief Engineer (M. Piveteau), the Chief Officer (Mr. C. D. Nicoll) the 2nd Engineer (Mr. B. H. Fookes) and the 3rd Engineer (Mr. A. Campbell) already assembled under an armed guard. They had all been surprised at their posts or sleeping in their berths by armed men.

How Pirates Boarded.

The "Hopsang" is a cargo boat and is allowed as such to carry not more than twelve passengers. There were about eighteen pirates in all and, through the Chinese wireless operator who acted as interpreter once the ship was captured, it was learned that they had embarked at Swatow and stowed away. Some passengers had embarked there and a certain amount of cargo taken on board and, trading on the fact that there was considerable movement of coolies and others superintending the shipment of cargo, the pirates had slipped on board and concealed themselves, making their presence known in the manner indicated a few hours out of Swatow.

$10,000 Haul.

It was also learned from the pirates that their real aim had been to pirate the Douglas vessel "Haining" which, however, had not put in to Swatow and the "Hopsang" was only as an "afterthought." The pirates were disappointed with their haul which amounted only to something like $10,000. On the "Haining," they stated, they would have had the belongings of a fair number of passengers to ransack.

It was learned that the pirates wished to be steered to Bias Bay and, on the Captain undertaking safely to navigate the vessel there, he was allowed to go on deck and take charge, armed men being constantly in attendance and, in Mr. Booker's words, "fiddling about in decidedly uncomfortable manner with their revolvers at full cock and half cock."

Passing Ship Signals.

Particularly was this the case when, shortly after the piracy, a ship passed and signalled in Morse as to what was the ship. The Captain was powerless to respond and the ship passed on, not before the pirates had threatened before she passed that if the ship came any nearer they would set fire to the "Hopsang" and shoot everyone on board.

Prior to this, the pirates had located the ship's rifle cupboard and revolver and ammunition store and demanded the keys. There was no alternative but to hand them over and the pirates took over all the ship's arms which they took with them when they left the ship.

Meantime, the other officers were confined to the 2nd Officer's cabin and none of the engineers were allowed in the engine room, the Chinese firemen working under an armed escort.

Compradore's Escape.

The "Hopsang" arrived at Bias Bay at 8.15 a.m. (yesterday) and signals by rifle shots were exchanged with the shore, sampans putting off and the pirates decamping. Their intention had been, according to the wireless operator, to take the compradore off as hostage but the compradore and quartermaster had defied all the attempts that the pirates had made to find them during the eight hours that the pirates were in control. So effectively had they concealed themselves that they could not be found even after the pirates had left. Taking no risks as to pirates still being on board, they did not disclose themselves until nearing Hong Kong, the steering of the ship having to be done by the officers.

Failing the compradore, and wishing to assure that their boats would not be run down by the "Hopsang" when they left, the pirates wished one of the European officers to accompany them and then return. As none of the officers were, naturally, very anxious for the job, the master, speaking through the interpreter, asked if this was necessary. He had guided the ship in safely and had kept his word. Would not the pirates take his word that the ship would proceed immediately to Hong Kong? The pirates did not remain adamant and the boats left without a European "hostage" at 8.45 a.m.

The Wounded Passenger.

It was then, for the first time, that the officers in the cabin were released and any attention given to the wounded passenger who was taken by the pirates to the Captain's cabin. To the Captain's request that he should be allowed medical attention (the Captain was under the impression that Mr. Kruger was seriously injured), the pirates had replied, "He brought it on himself, let him lie there."

Mr. Kruger was medically attended to when the "Hopsang" arrived in Hong Kong and was taken to the French Hospital. His wound is not serious.

Pirates' Booty.

The bulk of the booty of the pirates consists of money and valuables that they took from the officers' cabins (the captain's belongings were not touched with the exception of an overcoat) and the compradore's office. The compradore's safe was opened and $6,500 taken from it. The 2nd Engineer lost $400 in money and about $1,200 in valuables. The Chief Engineer lost everything he had, including his uniform and the bulk of his clothing.

The bulk of the cargo (there was some valuable piece-goods cargo aboard) was not touched, but according to the compradore's story several bags of beans were taken.

It is alleged by some of the passengers that one or two of their number were taken off by the pirates but there is no confirmation of this. A Chinese who awaited the arrival of the ship was under the impression that his sister was on board. She had cabled him that she was leaving by the "Hopsang" but the probability is that she delayed her departure.

RUBBER PROCESS.

INVENTION THAT CHANGES INDUSTRY.

LONDON COMPANY FORMED.

London, March 22.

A new company calculated to cause a revolution in the rubber industry has been formed under the chairmanship of Sir Eric Geddes, Chairman of Dunlop's, with an influential international directorate, to develop new processes relating to the manufacture of motor tubes and tyres and other rubber goods.

The principal feature is the deposition of rubber direct from the latex by means of electricity. Rubber will be used in its natural liquid state as latex, thus retaining its strength and requiring a considerably smaller quantity than hitherto to obtain the necessary strength.

It is claimed that the new process dispenses with a quantity of plant, power and labour and preserves the natural nerve of rubber.

The inventor is Dr. Paul Klein, of a Hungarian rubber goods factory, who is managing director of the new company. Separate companies will be established for United States and France.—Reuter.

NOTED SCHOLAR.

THE DEATH OF SIR CHARLES WALTSON.

London, March 22.

The death is announced of Charles Walston from pneumonia while cruising in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

Sir Charles (Waldstein) Walston, who was born at New York in 1856, was educated at Columbia College, New York, and Heidelberg University, Germany. His first post was that of Reader in Classical Archaeology in the University of Cambridge (1880-1883). Thereafter he was Slade Professor of Fine Art (1895-1901 and 1904-1911); and Director of the American Archaeological School at Athens, retaining his Readership at Cambridge; (1889-1893). He retained the Professorship there until 1896.

Sir Charles Waltson excavated the site of ancient Plataea," 1889-1890; Eretria (the tomb of "Aristotle); 1891, and the Heraion of Argos, 1892-1895. Besides being the author of many learned books, Sir Charles Walston held numerous distinctions for scholarship. He was knighted in 1912, for services as a member of the Standing Committee of Advice on Art to the Board of Education.

BETTER PROSPECTS.

HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

SHAREHOLDER'S SUGGESTION.

How, after a "disastrous chapter," prospects had slightly improved and the company was extending its activities to Shanghai and elsewhere were mentioned to-day at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., held at St. George's Building.

At the conclusion, one of the shareholders put forward a suggestion that half the capital be written off.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman and managing director) presided. Those present were:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. T. Bagram, Mr. J. Scott Harston (directors), Mr. S. Courtney Cook, A.S.A.A. (secretary), and Messrs. E. M. Raymond, M. Fernandez, A. A. Alves, M. A. Figueiredo, O. F. Ribeiro (shareholders).

The secretary read the convening notice and the auditors' report. The report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1926, were taken as read.

Mr. Shewan's review of the year's activities was as follows:—

You will see from the Profit & Loss Account that we have had to write off a further loss on the contracts with the Hong Kong Government of $45,167.29 in addition to the sum of $120,874 89 for general charges and depreciation not covered by contracts. These amounts together with directors' and auditors' fees bring our total debit for the year to $170,300.78. On the credit side we have profits from other completed contracts, bank interest and transfer fees, altogether $41,774.80, leaving a net loss for the year of $128,525.98.

Great Scarcity of Work.

These figures make it obvious that, apart from the Government contracts, the loss for the year is entirely due to the great scarcity of work. During the whole of 1926 the building trade, for reasons with which you are well acquainted, was in such a state of stagnation that any enquiries for such work as ours were quickly and eagerly met on terms which left little prospect of profit, most Contractors being only too ready to take work at any figure which promised to keep their staffs employed even if it did not cover their working costs. We have taken every opportunity of curtailing our establishment expenses, but most of the reductions could not become effective until the latter part of the year. They should, however, be more apparent in the year 1927.

"Extremely Disappointing."

I am glad to say that we have, at last, come to a settlement with the Hong Kong Government in connection with the unfortunate contracts of 1923, but, as you can judge from the accounts, the results of our appeal have been extremely disappointing.

We must acknowledge that the Government has made concessions, for which we are grateful, but these were of a negative character consisting of (a) the remission of certain penalties for delay for which the company was said to be liable and (b) relief from our liability to complete the Chatham Road contract, which as I stated last year, would have entailed a further heavy loss.

Chapter of Disaster.

Upon our putting forward the company's claims for final settlement under the terms of the various contracts, certain differences arose, which we requested be referred to arbitration as provided for in the contracts.

In view, however, of the counter-claims (consisting in part of the penalties to which I have already referred) which the Government thereupon reserved the right to enforce, we had no alternative but to bow to the force of circumstances and relinquish our outstanding claims.

Thus closes, I hope, a chapter of disaster which has shaken your company to its very foundations (except, of course, its Franki piling foundations).

Distinct Change for Better.

The total losses upon these contracts with the Government, covering a period of more than three years, have amounted to nearly $600,000 and had it not be for profits made in other directions, it would have been impossible for the company to continue in business.

We are, however, still a going concern, and I am pleased to say that during the past few weeks there has been a distinct change for the better which it is to be hoped will prove to be the turn of the tide.

Well Received in Shanghai.

You will observe in the balance sheet an item of $25,000 odd for works in progress—development of Franki piling in Shanghai. This represents the cost of transferring Franki piling equipment and personnel to Shanghai and the carrying out of an exhaustive series of tests and demonstrations of the exceptional advantages of our patent system of concrete foundation piling in the difficult ground of Shanghai.

The system has been well received by engineers and architects as well as by the various public authorities of Shanghai, and we are now engaged upon our first contract there, which is for the foundations of a twelve-storey building in the French Concession. We have other prospective work both in Shanghai and elsewhere, the materialisation of which, however, must depend to a great extent upon the trend of events in the North.

Other Expansion.

Needless to say the amount above referred to will have to be a first charge against the profits from work in Shanghai.

As we hold the patent rights of this system for the whole of China, we do not intend to confine our operations to Hong Kong and district or even Shanghai, but to go further afield as opportunity occurs.

Our centrifugal concrete pipes are now being turned out in first class condition and of a quality and at a price which enables them to compete with any other drainage pipe on the market. Wherever they have been tried they have given complete satisfaction, but, like everything else, this department has languished for the lack of a good demand. Our list of regular users is, however, gradually growing larger."

Slightly Improved Prospects.

You will, I am sure, all realise that the year 1927 will be a critical time for your company. The policy of the directors will be to reduce our general charges to the absolute minimum compatible with efficiency so as to conserve such working capital as still remains in order that we may take full advantage of the slightly improved prospects of business which appear to be opening out.

With regard to the recent changes in the directorate, we have to our great sorrow, lost the services of that outstanding personality, the late Sir C. Paul Chater, who was one of our first directors.

Position Clearly Explained.

The Very Rev. Father L. Robert, who forwarded his resignation quite recently, and Dr. J. W. Noble, who has not sought re-election, were also amongst the founders of the company.

On the other hand we are fortunate in now having Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. J. T. Bagram to take the places of these gentlemen.

I trust, gentlemen, I have laid our position clearly before you, and I now propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted.

When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to reply to any question thereon.

Chairman's Review.

Mr. J. T. Bagram seconded. No question was put and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Confirmation of election of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. J. T. Bagram and re-election of Mr. J. Scott Harston, as directors—proposed by Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. M. A. Figueiredo.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews as auditors for the current year at a fee of $300 (as before)—proposed by Mr. M. Fernandez, seconded by Mr. O. F. Ribeiro.

Writing off Capital.

This concluded the business. On the chairman thanking shareholders for their attendance, Mr. M. Fernandez said:—

"The company has already lost half of its capital and I would suggest that the directors should write it off as provided in the articles of association (clause 57). I think it is advisable to do so because it means no less to shareholders. The capital which has been subscribed to a company figures as a liability on its balance sheet. If it is reduced the liabilities are reduced and in this way a deficit is wiped out. It is purely a book transaction and it does not alter the real value of the shares.

"That is the only suggestion I have to make, Sir."

Mr. Shewan replied:—"I am much obliged to you for your suggestion and the whole matter will be taken into serious consideration."

CYCLING MISHAP.

MACHINE PLUNGES OVER EMBARKMENT.

CHINESE RIDER INJURED.

A Chinese, whose name has not been ascertained, was the victim of a motor cycle accident on Stubbs Road yesterday afternoon. He was driving down the road on a Harley-Davidson and sidecar when the machine skidded as the rider was taking a sharp bend. Before he could regain control the cycle left the road and plunged down the embankment—a fall of several feet. The rider was injured about the legs and had to be taken to the hospital. It is thought that the skidding was caused by the wheel of the empty side car leaving the road through the rider throwing too much weight on the cycle.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast is:—

Hong Kong and adjacent coast: E. to N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; generally overcast, probably rain later.

Formosal Channel: N.E. winds, moderate to fresh.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.01; temperature 64; humidity 61; wind E., force 3; weather overcast.

Pressure has increased considerably from Chefoo to Vladivostok. It has decreased slightly at the majority of other reporting stations. A fresh anti-cyclone has formed over N.E. China and Manchuria. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the northern portion of the N. China.

POWELL'S ROBBED.

Charge Against Former Employee.

EARLIER THEFTS TRACED.

The goods seized by the police during a raid in the servants' quarters of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., on Monday afternoon have been identified as the property of Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., but not as part of the booty taken away by burglars when they broke into the shop on Saturday night.

Messrs. Sassoon's office boy who was arrested during the raid was able to give a satisfactory explanation and was released yesterday afternoon.

The other man who has been identified as an ex-employee of Messrs. Powell's was charged before Major Willson this morning with larceny and alternatively with receiving stolen property.

Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker prosecuted while Mr. H. C. Macnamara watched the proceeding on behalf of Messrs. Powell's.

The goods which formed the subject of the charges were listed as follows:—One pair ladies' shoes, one singlet, ladies' gloves, clothing, needles, socks, embroidered netting, babies' suits, ladies' underwear, powder puffs, handkerchiefs, raincoats and umbrellas.

It was stated that accused was formerly employed by Messrs. Powell's as assistant salesman and resigned last year.

The accused had unreservedly pleaded "guilty" to the charges when Mr. H. Lo appeared in Court and applied for a remand.

The case has been adjourned until Friday morning.

ANOTHER SUCCESS.

A.D.C. PLAYERS "CAPTURE" THE HOUSE.

"LAST OF MRS. CHEYNEY."

Before a fairly large house, the A.D.C. repeated last night their acknowledged success in the presentation of "The Last Of Mrs. Cheyney."

Mrs. Anderson-Morshead sustained the exacting part of the title role with a charm and grace of manner that won the admiration and applause of the audience whilst Mr. M. M. Maas, as Charles, was most intriguing whether as the inscrutable butler, the experienced crook, or the philosopher on life bending to the lower intellectuals.

Mr. A. G. Bedells (as Lord Dilling) was also most convincing in a part which called for acting of a high order and Commander G. F. Hole (as Lord Elton) and the many others taking part contributed to a most entertaining evening and added to the already high reputation which the Amateur Dramatic Club have established here in Hong Kong.

"The Last Of Mrs. Cheyney" will be presented again to-morrow night.

TENNIS TOURNEY.

NG SZE-KWONG WINS IN 3 STRAIGHT SETS.

M. W. LO'S TUSSLE.

Champion of the Colony till 1924, Ng Sze-kwong, won in the second round of the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament, open singles, yesterday defeating Major W. B. Stevenson in straight sets.

The ex-champion hit hard on occasions but he has played better tennis in previous years. Some fine rallies were seen but the thrill came in the third set when the Major led by a game for a considerable period.

M. W. Lo had a hard tussle with the Rev. Alexander of the 2nd/Kosbies, the match going the full five sets. The Padre hit harder but Lo placed better and his superior style won him the right to appear in the third round. Yesterday's results:—

Open Singles.

Second Round:—Ng Sze-kwong beat Major W. B. Stevenson, 6-4, 6-1, 10-8; M. W. Lo beat Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 2-6, 6-2.

Open Doubles.

Second Round:—J. W. Leonard and N. Trambitzky beat S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain, 6-1, 6-0, 7-5.

Handicap Doubles.

R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15/1) beat Major C. Willson and N. L. Smith (recs. 15/1), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 1/6) beat A. H. Crook and Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1/6), 6-3, 6-1; E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) beat N. J. Perrin and W. A. Wright (rec. 15), 6-2, 6-2; H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3/6) beat Dr. J. C. Macgown and M. M. Watson (rec. 3/6), 6-3, 6-4.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles:—S. A. Rumjahn v. A. H. Crook.

Open Doubles:—T. Honda and H. Akiyama v. T. Ema and T. Edo; Col. C. Russell Brown and L. Forster v. E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes; I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy v. T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskin; S. E. Green and W. Hyde v. D. S. Green and H. F. Strange.

Handicap Doubles:—R. K. Valentine and Dr. D. J. Valentine (scr.) v. J. R. Wood and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Singles "B":—A. J. Hazeland (rec. 2/6) v. H. V. Parker (rec. 15); Lt. A. E. Barlow (rec. 15/1) v. M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1).

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Crairengower Cricket Club members are holding another of their popular dances in the club-house, Happy Valley, on Saturday night.

Reminder: British Legion (Hong Kong and China branch) annual meeting at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Public pressure has resulted in an alteration in the programme of the Duke of York's tour in Victoria. The garden party has been cancelled and the day will be spent in the surrounding country.

Of 160 applicants for the vacant Secretaryship of the Royal Asiatic Society, carrying a salary of £200 per annum, Mrs. R. W. Frazer, who was Secretary before her marriage, was appointed.

Mr. C. G. Marcal, of Rua Formosa, Macao, who died on October 2, last year, left $3,100. Probate has been granted to his son, Mr. F. J. Marcal, a Macao Government employee, who is at present living in Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A message from Mukden says that a new phase of Bolshevik propaganda has just been discovered. On the evening of March 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. there was broadcast from Vladivostok by radio in Chinese a programme of music and theatricals followed by a harangue against Imperialism and Great Britain. This was heard by "listeners in" in Mukden.

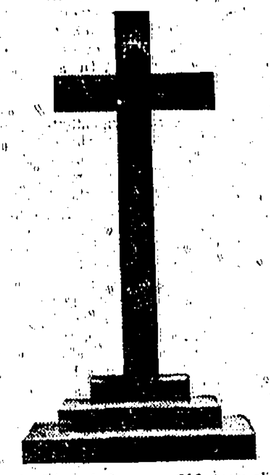
Mr. Gray Graytigge, who died in Shanghai on February 28, 1925, held shares in Hong Kong in trust, to the value of approximately $27,000, in the joint names of himself and Mr. A. J. Welch, for Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co. He bequeaths a legacy of $1,000 to the person who winds up his affairs, in addition to the ordinary fees. Probate has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master.

A Paris message states that the St. Regis Hotel, in Fifth-avenue, New York's millionaire quarter, famous for a suite of rooms which cost the occupant more than £10,000 a year to live in, has been sold by its owner, Mr. Vincent Astor, to Mr. Benjamin Duke, brother of the late tobacco millionaire. The "£10,000 suite" was so named when Mr. E. R. Thomas engaged the three rooms for that figure and slept in what is known as "The £2,000 Bed." The price of the suite is now more than £10,000.

At No. 28, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, Messrs. Lammert Bros. will hold an auction of household furniture on Tuesday next at 2.45 p.m.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, the Cathedral organist, assisted by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, (soprano), on Friday, March 26, at 5.45 p.m.

A London motoring correspondent understands there is every likelihood of a rise in price in motor-car tyres early in April. Business firms with large fleets of cars have been laying in tyre stocks against a rise.



Fashioned from a 600-year-old beam of Westminster Abbey, this wooden cross was taken to Canada by the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor and presented to the Anglican Church at Windsor, Ontario. The presentation was made during the visit to Windsor of the choirs of Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel, now on a tour across the continent on the All-Red C.P.R. route. These famous choirs, which have been in existence for six centuries, are making their first visit away from England. Their tour will completely embrace Canada from Coast to Coast and will be of over two months' duration.

One of Canterbury's most famous landmarks, the building which formed part of the King's Exchange, one of the two mints of England in the 18th century, was destroyed by fire. The building was occupied by a confectioner. It held a prominent position in the High Street and dated back to 1100. The ancient premises adjoining were saved.

All friends of Dr. Jose Caetano Soares of Macao are invited to meet him at a reception to be given in his honour at the Club Lusitano at 5.30 p.m. on Friday.

We have received from Messrs. Dodwell & Co. agents for the Roneo Ltd., an excellent indexed diary for the year 1927. It is a most useful little book and meets every requirement.

A large turnover of business was done by the Sind Silk Store during the first two days of their "sale" which proved very popular. The management tender their thanks to the many patrons.

THEOSOPHY
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will be the subject of this Week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, March 24, at 6 p.m. Lecturer: Mr. J. Russell. The Public are heartily invited to attend.
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The delivery of correspondence received by the P. and O. "Devanha" was slightly delayed at Singapore owing to the large number of bags dealt with, nearly 600 for Singapore, including those received from Europe, Netherlands East Indies, Australia, Borneo, United States of America, China, Japan, etc.

Some very interesting purchases have been made for the Tate Gallery and for the Duveen Fund, which is apart from the Tate, although most of its acquisitions are shown there. Manchester will be particularly interested in the purchase of Mr. Charles Cundall's portrait of his mother. Mr. Cundall was born in Lancashire, and worked for a time with Messrs. Pilkington. Mr. Robin Guthrie's "Sermon on the Mount" is another Duveen Fund purchase. The Tate Gallery purchases include a flower piece by Mr. A. People and an Italian street scene by Mr. H. Bishop; and to the same gallery the Department of Overseas Trade have presented Ambrose McEvoy's "The Searchlight Tattoo at Wembley," Mr. H. G. Wells a figure picture by Mr. C. R. W. Nevinson, and Professor F. Brown a picture of a head by Mr. Rodney Burn.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

According to a Reuter cable from London, Sir Ronald Macleay, former Minister to Peking, has been appointed Minister to Prague.

Mr. N. M. Currie (manager, Messrs. Davie, Boag & Co.) and Mrs. Currie left for Manila yesterday on the "President Madison."

Dr. C. T. Kew, Mr. C. F. Silva and Mrs. S. A. Ismail were among the many passengers who sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the northbound s.s. "Taiyo Maru."

Two footballers who were formerly in Hong Kong but who came down with the last Shanghai Interport team (East China) again sailed for the Northern port yesterday. They were Mr. Lau Kau (who also played for the Shanghai Interport XI) and Mr. Pang Wah-hing (one of the East China reserves).

The late Sir John McLeavy Brown, C.M.G., of the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, W., counsellor of the Chinese Legation in London, for many years Chief Commissioner of Chinese Customs and Finance Minister in Korea, who died on April 6, aged 90, left estate in England provisionally valued at £5,000.

Among the Hong Kong passengers arrived yesterday on the "President Madison" from Seattle were Mr. H. L. Che, Mrs. C. and Miss J. Claxton (returning to Australia from Shanghai), Mr. and Mrs. Kai Quan of New York, Mr. W. E. Smith. Bound for Manila on the same ship were Mr. F. Chamberlain of the Peacock Film Co., Mr. C. A. Core (an old Shanghai resident), Mr. F. de la Guardia (a Spanish writer and tourists in Mr. and Mrs. T. Henco of Germany and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Warren of Berkeley, California.

It is a tribute to the pervasiveness of the Celt that the negotiations in China on the banks of the muddy Yangtse are being conducted in accents that one more readily associates with the almost muddier Liffey, says the "Daily Mail" just to hand from Home. Mr. Owen St. C. O'Malley's voice leaves no doubt as to his Irish origins. Mr. Chen, though without a drop of Irish blood in his veins, speaks with a strong brogue unconsciously picked up from the Irish masters at Queen's Royal College, Port of Spain, which he attended in his early days in Trinidad.

Dr. R. A. Ponsonby Fane left Hong Kong yesterday on the "Taiyo Maru."

The Duke and Duchess of York have sailed for Australia, according to a Reuter cable from Wellington.

Captain H. Bartlett, R.N. arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Madison" from the North.

Mr. P. H. Massey, vice-chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, was one of the passengers on the "President Madison", which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

Going on into the interior of Siam and Indo-China, a dealer in wild animals and birds in Mr. W. H. Rogers arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Madison." He is also a game hunter and has come here to tranship.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Mr. Ma Henry (Henry Joe Young), merchant, No. 2, St. Stephen's Lane, to Miss Mary Weng, No. 56, Kowloon Tong; Mr. F. E. Shuster, assistant, Messrs. Ruttonjee and Son, No. 24, Ice House Street, to Miss A. Hing, No. 272, Portland Street, Kowloon.

Mr. John Graham, chief superintendent shipwright, Singapore Harbour Board, has left for Home by the "Mantua" after close upon 27 years' service spent first with the old Tanjong Pagar Dock Co. and later with the Harbour Board. Mr. Graham is now retiring. As a mark of their appreciation and esteem members of the Harbour Board presented Mr. and Mrs. Graham with a silver tea and coffee service. Mr. Graham was made chief superintendent shipwright in 1912.

The current Law Journal, in a biographical review of the career of the late Sir Thomas Braddell, ex-Chief Judicial Commissioner of the F.M.S., states: "The late Sir Thomas was one of that distinguished band of Crown Colony judges whose reputations become familiar through the medium of Privy Councils decisions. In further comment, the Law Journal states: "After his call, Braddell went out to practise at Singapore, which of late years—owing to the volcanic upheaval of the rubber industry—has become for the average barrister the most lucrative and attractive centre of a Crown Colony practice."

Mr. N. B. Karanjia, a well known merchant, returned to Hong Kong yesterday by the "President Madison" from Shanghai.

A Shanghai merchant in Mr. D. B. Sparks arrived here yesterday on the "President Madison" and is passing through on a business trip.

A Reuter cable from Sydney states that Major General Sir Granville Ryrie has been appointed High Commissioner for Australia in succession to Sir Joseph Cook who is retiring.

A love of the land seems to run in the Royal blood (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer). The latest devotee of farming is Princess Mary whose poultry farm at Goldsborough is proving so profitable, that she is contemplating extending it scope. The Princess's farm is conducted on strictly business lines, there being a full set of profit-and-loss books.

Spring-cleaning is already "in the air," and it is an annual domestic event which applies to Royal housewives as well as to the most lowly ones. Queen Mary always arranges the spring cleaning of her various residences in a most systematic manner, and does not depute to somebody else the planning of what is to be done (observes a "Daily Chronicle" writer). While at Sandringham the Queen has been making arrangements for such spring-cleaning as is necessary at the Hall, and this will be done before Easter. During the time that the Court is in residence at Buckingham Palace, Queen Mary will be making similar plans for the spring cleaning of the London Royal residence, but the bulk of this work will not be put in hand until after Easter, when the King and Queen are going to Windsor. There are certain little bits of the work, however, for which the Queen is as zealous as any villa housewife at Tooting or Muswell Hill, and which she does not allow to be performed by any hands save her own. Some of the most wonderful of the Royal china and the collection of jade articles, of which the Queen is so proud, are always spring cleaned by their Royal mistress personally. On her return to town, also, the Queen will be doing the checking of stocks of china, glass, linen, and such like, with a view to replenishment, which is one of the most necessary parts of spring cleaning, as every housewife knows.

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SPORTS SECTION

F.A. CUP NOTES.

TITBITS OF THE SIXTH ROUND.

THOUSANDS TURNED AWAY.

Further particulars have been received by the "China Mail" about the 6th round of the F.A. Cup on March 5.

Three of the four ties were played in London, the attendance and receipts being:—

Chelsea	70,184	£4,835
Arsenal	52,800	£3,775
Millwall	37,928	£3,220

At Swansea the gate was 23,000. The home team opened the scoring, McPherson netting. Johnstone, however, twice scored for Reading before the interval, and afterwards Swansea fell away. McDonald scored Reading's third goal. [Reading won by 3-1.]

Chelsea v. Cardiff.

The matches generally were fought out in wretched weather. There were heavy showers and a strong wind, but the attendances were not affected.

At Stamford Bridge thousands were shut out. It was a hard-fought game in which the defences predominated. Chelsea were the more frequently dangerous although Cardiff twice netted from offside positions. Chelsea were the better team in the first half, although facing the elements. Priestley nearly scored with a great drive. Farquharson saved a superb shot from Crawford. Subsequently the Cardiff halves, particularly Hardy, dominated the game. A draw was a fair reflex of the play. [No goal was scored and Cardiff, on their ground, won the replay.]

At Highbury & Millwall.

At Highbury, Wolverhampton scored in the tenth minute through Phillipson. Fifteen minutes later Blyth equalised for the Arsenal, and Butler headed a magnificent goal for them in the second half. The Wolves were mostly kept defending. [Arsenal won 2-1.]

At Millwall a thrilling struggle was seen. Millwall were a slightly better team than Southampton and ought to have scored from a penalty, but Phillips shot wide. [These two teams drew 0-0 and Southampton won the replay on their own ground.]

HOME RUGGER.

LATES NOTES AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, March 2.

In a rugby match, Sandhurst beat the French Army Cadets of Saint Cyr by 11 points to 8.

Oxford University beat the Royal Air Force by 16 points to 11.

London, March 3.

In a rugby match to-day the Barbarians beat East Midlands by 24 points to 11.

How Navy Beat Army.

London, March 5.

The Royal Navy beat the Army in the inter-Services tournament, at Twickenham, by 6 points to 3.

The Army began promisingly, but their handling was none too sure. Then the Navy forwards began to get the ball and after 13 minutes' play Sub-Lt. Sladen cleared the way for Engine Room Artificer A. George to score a try. Sub-Lt. Sellar failed to convert.

Lt. Harry added a further unconverted try. Lt. Bryan scored for the Army after a splendid bout of passing. Half-time score:—Navy 6 points; Army 3 points.

Torrential rain fell in the second half, when a wonderful struggle between the forwards on the slippery ground was witnessed. The Navy were splendid in the tight, and the Army rather better in the loose. There was no scoring after the interval.

Results:—Navy 2 tries (6 points); Army 1 try (3 points).

Principal Club Matches.

London, March 5.

The following are the results of other rugby matches:—

Blackheath 17, Richmond 8.
Bradford 9, Stewartonians 8.
Bristol 8, Union Sportive, Cognac 8.
Leicester 11, Harlequins 3.
London Scottish 3, Northampton 5.
London Welsh 25, London Irish 3.
Newport 11, Plymouth Albion 8.
Old Alleynians 8, Old Merchant Taylors 6.
Aberavon 0, Neath 8.
Swansea 16, Cardiff 13.
Edinburgh University 8, Edinburg Academicals 3.
Edinburgh Wanderers 0, Edinburgh Institute 6.
Glasgow H.S. 15, Glasgow Academicals 8.
Roslyn Park 11, Guy's Hospital 3.
Watsonians 24, Royal H.S. 4.

FANLING GOLF.

Commander Aubrey, R.N. won the Bogey Pool of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, played at Fanling last week-end. He returned a score of "all square."

Next best were L. G. S. Dodwell 2 down, N. L. Smith 3 down, A. E. Wood 3 down.

BOAT RACE.

CANTABS SHAPE WELL AT RICHMOND.

OXFORD AT HENLEY.

London, March 2.

For the first time in twenty years, the Cambridge boat race crew took the water at Richmond this afternoon. After a fortnight here they will complete their training at Putney.

To-day the crew shaped well in spite of unusually adverse conditions. There was a strong wind and heavy stream following recent floods.

They were cheered by an admiring crowd.

Torpid Crews Ducked.

Oxford have concluded practice in home waters and have gone to Henley.

During the torpid races at Oxford three boats collided in midstream and all sank. The crews swam safely to the banks.

HANDICAPS OUT.

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING.

WEIGHTS FOR SATURDAY.

Below are given the weights allotted in the various handicaps of the Jockey Club 1st extra race meeting to be held this season:—

1st race, Happy Valley Handicap, "A" class (6 furlongs):—

	lbs.
Misty Eve	168
Battle Eve	162
Ukelele	162
King of the Plains	159
King of Troy	158
Total Abstinence	158
The Gomeril	158
Sunburst Rose	156
Grey Morn	155
Grande del Norte	155
The Geezer	152
Bright Eve	150
Home Call	150
Grey Knight	150
Espoir	149
Soapy Sponge (late the Ghoul)	148
The Gnome	146
Barley Grass	146
Spotted Sand	143

3rd race, Happy Valley Handicap, "B" class (6 furlongs):—

	lbs.
The Goblin	173
San Diego	165
Dobbin	163
September	159
Saracen	158
Spectre (late The Ghost)	158
The Regent	158
Kom Tong Hall	155
Rechabite	152
Grey Streak	152
The Sand Piper	152
Southampton	150
Salvo	150
Tangle	150
Loch Rannoch	149
Loch Tummel	149
The Grig	149
King Alan	145
Yorks	143

8th race, Wanchai Handicap, "A" class (1¼ miles):—

	lbs.
Attaboy	173
Brigade Call	172
Misty Eve	168
Battle Eve	162
Ukelele	161
King of the Plains	159
Total Abstinence	158
King of Troy	158
The Gomeril	158
Sunburst Rose	156
Grey Morn	155
The Geezer	151
Grey Knight	150
Bright Eve	150
Espoir	148
Barley Grass	145
The Gnome	145
Spotted Sand	143

9th race, Wanchai Handicap, "B" class (1¼ miles):—

	lbs.
The Goblin	173
San Diego	165
Dobbin	163
Spectre (late The Ghost)	158
Saracen	158
Salvo	155
Loch Rannoch	152
Tangle	150
Loch Tummel	147
Rechabite	147
Yorks	143
Perversity	140
Furzefield	140

LOCAL RUGGER FIXTURES.

At 5.30 p.m. to-day, the annual match will be played between the rugger section of the Hong Kong Football Club and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. "Veterans" who style themselves "old crocks" will turn out for the Club.

The teams are as follow:—

Bank (in whites)—Shannon; Lee, Moodie, Clerk, Nicholson; Milne, Mills; Beveridge, Groves, Jardine, Jones, MacIntyre, Montreiff, Russell, Sutcliff.

Club (in colours)—C. C. Stark (captain); Armstrong, Coulson, Butlin, Alabaster, Summers, Gordon; Tinson, Nowars, Jordain, Thompson, Waddell, E. Cook, Cleland, Middleton Smith, Pritchard.

Referee: Mr. H. G. Hegarty.

The Club meet the 2nd/King's Own Scottish Borderers to-morrow, also on the Club ground.

1928 ESTIMATES.

Discussion at Sanitary Board.

KOWLOON TONG MARKET?

The Estimates of the Sanitary Department for 1928 led to an interesting discussion at the meeting yesterday on the presentation of the Report of the Committee.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided, supported by Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. G. W. Pope, and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

MR. J. P. BRAGA.

Items for Inclusion in the Estimates.

Mr. Braga's address was as follows:—

There are two salient features in the report of the Sub-Committee on the Estimates for 1928, which you kindly circulated to members last Friday. The first is in point of brevity, and the second the rigid economy exercised by the Sub-Committee. There is probably much to commend in the merits of both these features. On the other hand, they can be carried too far.

For example, in the second paragraph the Board is informed that owing to 'the need for economy' the Sub-Committee has 'omitted a number of items of expenditure' which they would have included among their recommendations under more normal conditions.

What those items of expenditure are it is not stated. It would have been far more satisfactory if the Report had specified the desirable 'items of expenditure' for the information of the Board. It should, I think, be left to the recommendation of the full Board whether the items that appealed to the Sub-Committee as advisable should be included in the Estimates or left in abeyance until more prosperous times.

As Good as Our Roads.

Paragraph 3 mentions the omission under 'Special Expenditure' of a vote for the motor meat vans 'which the Board has decided to be desirable for the conveyance of pork from slaughter-house to market.'

Is the cost of the motor-van so prohibitive as to make it necessary to defer its provision for the present?

In many things Hong Kong is held up with pride—and justly so—as a model Far Eastern city, but in other respects the Colony is at least a few years behind the times.

It should be the endeavour of this Board to make the Sanitary Department as great a model as, for example, the roads are among those of the principal cities in the Far East. I hope, Sir, the Colony is not so impecunious that it cannot afford the price of a motor-van for the coming year.

Pledge to Kowloon Tong.

In the matter of new markets I see that provision has been made for Saiyingpun, Shamshuipo Extension and Aplichau, respectively.

Permit me, Sir, to remind you of the undertaking to submit the question of a market for Kowlon Tong before the Board in good time for inclusion in 1928 Estimates.

I hope I may be pardoned if I urge this question of the Kowloon Tong market to the point of irksome reiteration.

I am pledged to the Kowloon Tong residents to keep the subject constantly before the Board. In this connection I would like to lay stress on the letter from the Kowloon Tong Subscribers' Association dated March 10, in which they advance the plea of urgency of a market for Kowloon Tong. In a minute addressed to you on March 18 I pointed out that the Kowloon Tong Estate scheme was started to relieve the congestion in the City residential area. The subscribers to the Kowloon Tong scheme joined it on the promise that they would be given all the public facilities of a township. I consider a market within the district as an important facility and its provision should attract greater numbers to reside within the Kowloon Tong Estate.

Market Suggestions.

I am not satisfied that the sanitary condition of the Central Market is as it should be. I would like to urge the desirability of making provision for the more hygienic condition of the meat stalls. The wooden meat blocks, which serve the double purpose of a counter as well, are, in my opinion, out of date and should be replaced by tables of a non-porous material easily cleansed and that will not absorb dust and dirt.

I suggest for your consideration, Sir, whether it would not be advisable, in the interest of public health, for the Board to recommend to Government the adoption of tables with tops of porcelain enamel on rustless ingot iron.

It is claimed for these tables that dirt canot lodge on them; they will not bend, break, or chip; they are made for everlasting wear.

I understand kitchen tables made of this material have been awarded the certificate of the Institute of Hygiene.

Their cost is not so high that the Government cannot afford to introduce them into the Central Market.

At any rate, I trust, Sir, the Estimate Sub-Committee will see their way to submit this recommendation to Government, and leave it to the Legislative Council to decide upon its adopiton or rejection.

Other Improvements.

The present wooden partitions between the stalls can also, with advantage, be improved.

If my suggestions are adopted they will improve considerably the internal appearance of the Central Market at the same time as a more hygienic condition will be obtained. And if an improvement could be secured for the surface of the market floor so that water will not collect in pools as at present, the attractiveness of the market may lead to its being better frequented by the womenfolk of the Colony.

If the women of Hong Kong could be induced to make purchases in the markets themselves, and rely less on the compradore system in vogue as the purchasing medium for the daily table necessaries of every European household, greater satisfaction will be obtained and bazaar expenses reduced in the same ratio. In this respect, I would venture the opinion that given a more wholesome internal condition of our principal market, European ladies would find greater inducement to visit it. It is only the lead that is required. If a few among our lady social leaders could show the way others would follow.

"Help, Not Obstruction."

In the matter of the Staff, it is not for me to offer any criticism; but I should like to be satisfied that the Medical Officer of Health, single-handed, can attend to all the duties required of him within and outside the office when the expansion of the Colony is proceeding apace.

I wonder if the time has not arrived for the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance to be extended to apply to such places as New Kowloon and Kowloon City, so that market gardens with their offensive and attendant dangers to the health of neighbouring communities could be placed within bounds of inspection by officers of the Sanitary Department.

In conclusion, Sir, I hope the observations I have offered on the Report of the Estimates Sub-Committee will be accepted in the spirit they are tendered, that is, one of helpfulness instead of critical obstruction.

Chairman's Reply.

The Chairman, in reply, said that the Board had concentrated its endeavours and the financial resources at its disposal first on the provision of refuse lorries. It had considered and discussed the question of greater meat vans working regularly and considered the sanitary lorries came first.

Regarding the Kowloon Tong market, he had already given Mr. Braga an undertaking that when there had been more consideration of the whole question of site and other matters, which would take possibly a week or two, the matter would be brought before the full Board for consideration in ample time for a supplementary recommendation for the 1928 estimates.

The suggestion regarding the Central Market would be passed on to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

He did not understand the remarks about the Medical Officer of Health. The Committee had made no suggestion that the number of assistant medical officers should be reduced. As the Board knew, they were having considerable difficulty in filling vacancies.

Dr. Ho's Support.

Speaking in support of Mr. Braga, Dr. S. C. Ho referred to what he termed the insanitary conditions of the Central Market and asked that measures should be taken to remedy it. In view of the fact that rents were everywhere on the decrease, he did not see how the item for increases in the rent of quarters for Inspector and Sanitary Offices and for quarters for scavenging coolies respectively could be justified.

After emphasising the importance of the meat supply and of providing more facilities for transport, Dr. Ho referred to street scavenging and referred to the collection of refuse in the lane between China Building and Queen's Theatre, which was removed at the luncheon hour—one of the busiest in this quarter of the City.

Dr. Ho thought the Department might consider the advisability of having smaller vans for the lower levels; that the large vans should be turned into refuse carts and that Fords should be obtained for meat vans. They could get three Fords for what was paid for the present vans.

The Chairman said he could not give chapter and verse for the increases in rents. At Shumshuipo they moved across the way to a much better house and that accounted for a part of the increase. They were however, getting something back in that they used previously to do certain repairs which were really not tenants' repairs. The Chairman promised to consider the question of Ford vans, though he had no doubt that had already been discussed by their motor experts.

Dr. Macgown opposed the purchase of Ford vans, remarking that this was an instance in which, for the few extra dollars, they ought to support British industry.

The discussion then dropped.

The Committee's Report.

The Committee's report, which was signed by Mr. N. L. Smith, Dr. S. W. Tso and Dr. J. C. Macgown, was as follows:

In accordance with the Board's resolution we have considered the Estimates for 1928 and now submit the attached recommendations.

We have again given the fullest consideration to the need for economy and have omitted a number of items of expenditure which we should have included among our recommendations under more normal conditions.

Under Special Expenditure we have once more omitted the motor meat-vans, which the Board has decided to be desirable for the conveyance of pork from slaughter-house to market, and the only additional motor vehicle recommended is a refuse-lorry which will complete the scheme for both sides of the harbour. We ask for a sum to fit solid tyres on 8 lorries now fitted with pneumatic tyres, as this expenditure will pay for itself in upkeep in a few years and the pneumatics so available can be used departmentally.

No increases are recommended in staff except one clerk for head office and a tallyman for Mataukok slaughter house; the new lorry will require a driver.

We favour the gradual introduction of water-flushed latrines and bath-houses from year to year and have accordingly recommended only two such buildings for each side although this programme could be greatly expanded were funds available.

The three markets which we mention are in our opinion the only ones which are urgently required at present.

The Inspectors' quarters at Kennedy Town have been recommended for several years. The only other building recommended is a small house for sextons.

Public Works Extraordinary.

A. Markets.

1. Saiyingpun.
2. Shamshuipo Extension.
3. Aplichau.

B. Latrines, etc.

1. Latrine and Bathhouse Boundary St. Shamshuipo.
2. Latrine and Bathhouse Dock Lane, Hung Hom.
3. Latrine Hollywood Road near Ladder Street.
4. 30 seat latrine Davis Street.

C. Other Buildings.

1. Quarters for 2 sextons at Sai Yu Shek cemetery.
2. Quarters for 2 Inspectors at Kennedy Town.

Personal Emoluments.

1 clerk class II for head office at $2,200-$2,800.
1 Tallyman for Mataukok at $300.
1 Motor driver (for lorry) at $480.

Special Expenditure.

1 motor Refuse lorry ... $9,000.
Fitting of solid tyres ... $4,500

Other Charges.

As on attached list.

Increases.

Advertisements, $550. The increase is due to Home advertisements re new appointments of Inspectors.

Coal for Official Quarters, $200. For two additional quarters.

Light, Disinfecting Stations, District Sanitary Offices and Coolies quarters, $200. The increase is due to additional offices, viz:—Central District Office and Kowloon City District Office which were not provided for in 1927 Estimates.

Light, Official Quarters, $100. The increase is due to free lighting being allowed for two additional quarters, viz:—Kowloon City and Western Market.

Motor Lorries, Vans and Cars, Running Expenses, $900. For additional lorries.

Rent of Quarters for Inspectors and Sanitary Offices, $170. The increase is due to the renting of new quarters at a higher rental.

Rent Quarters for Scavenging Coolies, $1,480. The increase is due to the renting of new quarters at a higher rental.

Animal Depot and Slaughter Houses, Incidental Expenses, $400. The increase is due to the feeding of greater number of dogs under observation for rabies at Kennedy Town and Ma Tau Kok Slaughter Houses.

Total increase, $4,000.

Decreases.

Dust and Water Carts, $2,000. Reduction of carts owing to the introduction of motor transport.

Paint, Turpentine &c., $500. Transfer of barges to Harbour Department.

Purchase and Maintenance of Bullocks, $4,000. Reduction of bullocks consequent on the introduction of Motor transport.

Uniforms for Staff, $550. Transfer of crews to Harbour Department.

Total Decrease, $6,550.

HOME TURF.

COVENTRY STEEPLECHASE RESULT.

NATIONAL CANDIDATES.

London, March 3.

The Coventry Handicap Steeplechase, over 3½ miles, was run at Kempton to-day. It resulted as follows:—

Misconduct (11st 12lbs.) ..	1
Hop On (12st. 3lbs)	2
Ballystockart (12st 5lbs.) ..	3

Three ran.

Misconduct won by 1½ lengths; eight lengths separated second and third.

Betting:—2 to 1 against Misconduct; 5 to 1 against Hop On; 6 to 4 against Ballystockart.

Ballystockart is a Grand National candidate.

Mr. Gordon Selfridge bought Misconduct from Major Methven last month.

Misconduct is also entered for the Grand National.

CRICKET TOUR.

TENNYSON'S XI IN WEST INDIES.

ANOTHER GAME DRAWN.

Montego Bay, March 2.

A two-days' cricket match began to-day between a Cornwall XV and the Hon. L. H. Tennyson's XI Concluding scores:—

Cornwall XV (1st) 315 runs. P. G. H. Fender (Surrey) 5 for 91, Arnott (Glamorgan) 5 for 55.

Montego Bay, March 3.

The match was drawn. Scores:—Cornwall XV 315 runs.

Tennyson's XI 389 runs for 9 wkts. Green (Lancs) made 105 and Holmes (Yorks) made 105.

YACHT CLUB.

IMPORTANT RACES THIS WEEK-END.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club programme for this week-end has now been fixed.

On Saturday there will be the re-sail of the "Ladies" Cup for all racing yachts, postponed from March 12. The course will be Lyemun Beacon (port), Kowloon Rock (p), mark in Quarry Bay (p), Channel Rocks (p), a distance of 8.9 miles.

On Sunday, one of the big events of the season will take place, namely the contest between the Ladies and the Club. Reference to this event, and the conditions, etc., has already been made by "Chau Kung," the Club correspondent.

Also on Sunday there will be the sail off of the tie in the Cruiser championship for the season, between Mr. H. Dreyer's "Coquette" and Mr. H. S. Rouse's "U and I," each having 44 points.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 23, 1927, 10:30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	1/11⅛	1/11⅛	1/11⅛
T.T. on Shanghai	80¼	80¼	nom
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1080b 1090 sa	1087½ b	1090 b
do. London.	£114 n	—	£113½ n
Chartered Bank	£21 n	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£31 n.	£32 n.	
do. C.	£13⅜ n.	£13⅜ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9¾ b	£10 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	74 s.	67b66½/67sa	71 n
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	$662½ b		
China Underwriters	80 cts b	6 3 b	£560 b
North China Insurance	T145 n	7 cts b	80 cts. n
Union Insurance	292 b & sa	140 n	—
Yangtze Insurance	$38 M. n	291b 292 s	292 b
Fire Insurances.		46 n	—
China Fire Insurance	205 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	640 b & sa	610 b	640 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	31½ n	31 b	31 n
Hongkong Steamboats	20 s	19b 19½ s	19 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2¼ n.	1¼ s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	30 s	30 n.	30 n
do. (Def.)	40 b	40 n.	40 s
Shell Transports	99/6 s	£5 b	100/- n
Star Ferries	54 b	53 b 64 s	54 n
Water-boats	14 n.	13.8 b	14 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	17 s	17 s
Malabon Sugars	1 n.	30 n	31 n
Mining.			
Benguets	1.40 b	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- n	42/6 n.	—
Langkats (Combined)	$22 n	22 b	40/- n
do. (Single)	10½ n	12 b.	22 n
Shanghai Exploration	T4 n	4 b	—
Shanghai Loan	T7 n.	6 b	—
Raubs	4 s	3.40 b	—
Tronoh Mines	21/- b	—	3½ n.
Ural Caspians	8/- n	21/- b	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	99 b 102 s	98 b 90½ s	99 s
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n.	35 b 37 s	40 n
Hongkews	150 n		150 b
New Engineerings	T5½ n	5½ b	5½ b
Shanghai Docks	T101 b	102 b	102 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 b 7 40 s	7 b	7¼ s
Hongkong Lands	52½ b	52¼ sa	52½ b
Hongkong Realty	6 b	6 b	6 b
H.K. Territorial	2¼ s	1 s	2 s
Humphrey's Estates	12½ b	12½ s.	12½ s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ s	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T7.85 n	7¾ b	7¾ b
Orientals	T2½ n	2¼ b	2½ s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54 n	54 b	54 n.
do. (new)	T27 n	27 b	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 b	7 b	7 n
do. (old)	6 n	6 b	6 n
do. (new)	1½ s	1 b	1 n
China Buses	9½ n.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 b	14 s	14 n
do. (old)	11 n	10½ n	10 n
do. (new)	6 10 b	7 n	7 n
China Prov.	3.85 b	4 b	4 b
Dairy Farms	16½ n	16¾ s	16½ s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s.	—
Hongkong Amusements	17.80 s	18½ n	18½ n.
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 b	2.40 s
Hongkong Electrics	5½ n	5b 5½ s	5½ s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	6 s	7 s
do. (new)	5 s.	1 s	2 s
Hongkong Tramways	20½ b & sa	20.40 b 20.50 s	20¼ b
Lane, Crawfords	7 b	7 b 7.10 sa	7 n
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	10½ n	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9.80 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15½ b.	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8½ b	8 n	8 n
Sinceres	8⅝ b	9.10 b	9 s
Singapore Trams	11/- b	9/6 b	10/6 b
Taxis	1 s	70 c b	65 Cts n
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	12½ n	12 s	12 n
Wm. Powells	6½ n	5 s	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3.85 b	3.90 b	3.90 b

STEEPLECHASES.

2 MORE RACES FOR NEXT MEETING?

If sufficient entries are forthcoming for the steeplechase meeting at Kwanti on April 9 of the Fanling Hunt, the following events will be added to the programme:—

The Kwanti Cup.—about two miles and three furlongs. For horses. Catch weights 12 stone. Entrance $5. Cups will be presented to 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

The Hybrid Stakes.—about 7 furlongs. For the products of horses and donkeys however arrived at, i.e. jennets may run. Entrance $5. First $50, 2nd $20, 3rd $10.

Officers of any regiments stationed here desiring any information about the meeting should communicate with Mr. A. H. Potts, c/o Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, Ice House Street.

CRICKET CHAMPIONS.

At the request of the champions (Kowloon Cricket Club), their match this Saturday against the Rest of the Cricket League will be played at Kowloon instead of on the H.K.C.C. ground. Tiffin will be served at 1 p.m. and play commences immediately afterwards.

The Indian Recreation Club, winners of the second division, wish to have the second division match, (Champions v. the Rest) played on the T.R.C. ground at Sookunpoo.

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Fabrics are always important and this season sees a tendency toward a return to linen, silks, and cotton mixtures. Sports costumes and coats to go with them all appear very chic.

The two-piece sports dress that dominated the scene last season is, of course, again popular. But this winter the holiday resorts show a return of the one-piece dress to its erstwhile popularity. It is so designed that there is a charm to its simplicity and style. Old fullnesses appear and a moulded effect about the hips is often seen. Belts are particularly important in both the one and two piece mode. In fact, wherever the sports costume appears a belt is apt to be seen smartly accompanying it.

Skirt and jumper of contrasting fabrics are much seen in the two-piece costumes. A plain skirt is often accompanied by a blouse of the very popular striped material. When the jumper and skirt are of one colour they are cut along interesting lines and rely upon the cleverness of detail to distinguish them.

Frequently, a one coloured frock will liven itself with geometric trimming on either jumper or skirt, or upon both. Stripes, bands, and unusual designs in contrasting colours are used with smart results. Sleeveless sports dresses are seen sharing favour with the long sleeved models.

An innovation in the sports ensemble is the three piece outfit which includes blouse, skirt and coat in same fabrics are seen everywhere.

Beach ensembles are attracting much attention. The Patou bathing suit of simple but chic lines possesses a vest, shorts and overtunic that is smartly fitted. Chintz trimming on dark wool suits provided another interesting ensemble. The Lido influence is found in some bathing outfits which possess a Chinese influence in pyjama lines. Caps, bathing accessories, coats and capes are all seen in most colourful hues and distinctive lines. The over-tunic is a smart addition to the bathing suit this season.

In the afternoon when the sports type of costume is not worn, gowns of a distinguished silhouette are seen. They are seldom in two parts but boast bloused effects in the waists, moulded hip lines, wide butterfly sleeves, bolero backs, girdle effects, flared skirts, tiered skirts, scalloped hems and all sorts of interesting lines. Fabrics in the afternoon mode are either printed silks, georgettes, mouseline de soi, cotton laces, printed shantungs, plain chiffons and crepes in colours of almost every hue, with white, black and red predominating.

The evening mode is, of course, distinguished by a fluttering outline in chiffon and crepes and a straight silhouette in heavier fabrics. The newest wraps for evenings are of supple furs of ermine or similar pelts.

Mary Astor has chosen several charming ensembles for the Southern season and is seen with particular effectiveness in one possessing a smart Shantung silk dress of white with a figured trimming and a coat of matching fabric. Miss Astor is now appearing in the First National film, "The Sea Tiger."

BEAUTY OF TEA-CADDIES.

Among the other revivals of the past we are reverting to the old-fashioned tea-caddy, or its modern equivalent (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer.)

A prized possession, of course, is a mahogany Georgian caddy, beautifully made, and veneered in fine woods, ivory, or tortoiseshell, with lines of silver of gilt. These eighteenth century pieces are of exquisite workmanship, since they were often designed to display in miniature the skill and imagination of young cabinet makers and apprentices. Nowadays we should probably call them exhibition pieces.

Many are adorned with small coloured engravings under glass, Wedgwood medallions, or glass cameos, and always there is a lock for a key. Inside, in its original form, the antique caddy was divided into two compartments, one for black and the other for green tea. The tea-maker blended them according to her taste.

There is sometimes a third division for a sugar-basin and a space for the characteristic, scoop-like caddy spoon, which was about three inches long, with a wide bowl. Quaint and pretty reproductions of old designs are to be bought, a popular form being that of souvenir spoons, in oxidised brass or plated.

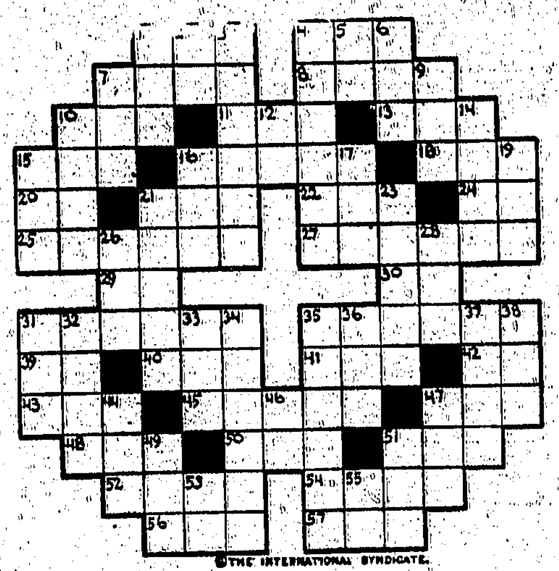
Bottle-shaped caddies, or teapoys, as they were called, were also used. They were of Staffordshire china, Copenhagen or Chinese porcelain, and silver. A complete teapoy had a lid, but it is not often that a genuine example is now to be found with lid intact. Modern copies, however, are very attractive. One of the several-sided, vase-like caddies with screw-top, in silver-plate, looks neat on the tea-tray with its burden of other silver and plated things.

NOVELTY LAMPSHADES.

Many novelty lampshades have made their appearance in the West-end stores, the designs including some original and colourful effects. For long landings or halls nothing could be more attractive than the brightly-painted parchment lampshades in box or star designs. Another design, the Maltese cross, is not quite so suitable for the average small home, but would look well in a large hall. For a long time the pleated glazed linen lampshades, which fold up like a fan, have been the vogue on the Continent. They would dim the light too much for the public taste, but similar shades in oiled paper are now being sold. They can be had in mottled, jazz, and batik colour effects. A curious idea for the decoration of a very costly standard shade in Louis XIV. or Louis XVI. design is to have small old prints or family miniatures attached in the centre. The effect can be very striking. The success of alabaster bowls in indirect lighting for offices has created a demand for something suitable for drawing-rooms, and the imitation vellum "ceiling shades" give a nicely softened light. Painted inside, they are left a natural colour outside, so that the housewife can get her own effects. For a dining-room scheme these parchment bowls can be had with a large fruit design round the rim.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an asper' but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1–To invite
4–Was introduced
7–A hill of loose sand
8–A small craft
10–A fruit
11–Matter in a sore
13–Churl
15–Interdict
16–June blossoms
18–Kitchen utensil
20–Part of verb "to be"
21–Title of address
22–Preceded
24–Toward
25–Tyrant
27–Antenna
29–Half a laugh
30–A business concern (abbr.)
31–Wards off
35–Slovenly
39–Pronoun
40–Related
41–Dry grass
42–Prefix meaning "again"
43–Rim

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

45–Discoverer of the North Pole
47–One of the bones of the face
48–No (slang)
50–Part of a needle
51–Speak
52–Visage (colloq.)
54–Tax on imports
56–Suffix meaning a native of
57–To snoop

VERTICAL

1–An insect
2–At home
3–Send away, out of the country
4–Me
5–Each (abbr.)
6–A pair
7–Racket
9–Lick up
10–Renown
12–We
14–Doom
15–Corrupt
16–South American capital

VERTICAL (Cont.)

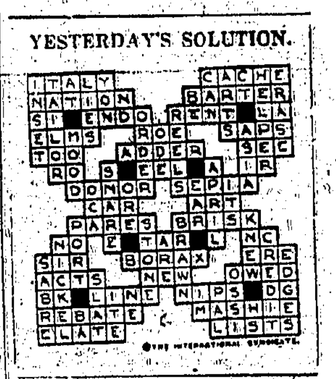
17–Perceive
19–Conjunction
21–A tiny amber
23–Lure
26–Personal pronoun
28–To cut off
31–Sharp, pointed instrument
32–A lode
33–To tilt
34–Expel air violently through the nose
35–Fragments
36–Reclined
37–To petition
38–A tree
44–A disease of chickens
46–Always
47–A bird
49–Article
51–An affection of the eyelid
53–Fuss
55–Toward a higher level

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



PEARL NAILS.

Fashion's passions for pearls has inspired a new cosmetic craze consisting of pearl enamel for the nails, costing half a guinea a bottle.

Experts say that in the coming spring women will resume that peach complexion, abandoning last year's orange and sunburn tones.

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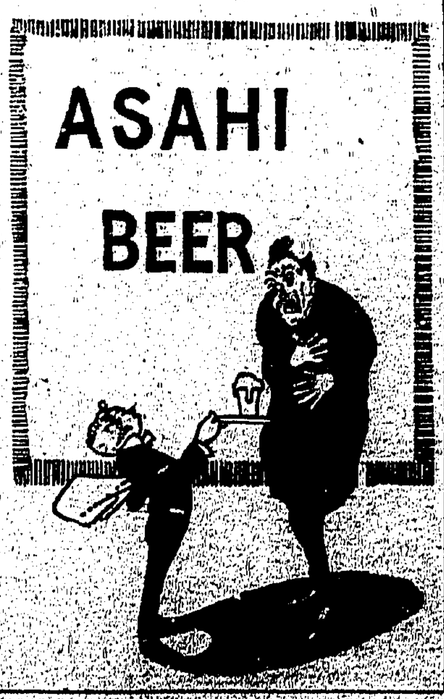

THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

At Virginia Water the lake was frozen over, but it was not safe for skating.

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Mr. H. Liddell's Silver Somme won the Stewards' Handicap Chase at Gatwick, in which the favourite, Marsin, fell.

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In their first Rugby football match of the season Eton College defeated the Imperial Service College by thirteen points to nil.

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British steelmakers have decided to bear the entire burden of the increased railway rates without making any change in their prices.

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A revision of wine duties in the Budget is considered by the trade to be almost certain. Clearances from warehouse and ship until May 1 have been restricted by a Customs and Excise order.

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"Oh, I can tell as good a lie here as in the box," said Robert McIver, 61, when invited to give evidence at Liverpool Assizes in a charge of burglary on which he was sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment.

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Wilfred Joseph Goodhall Reeves, 16, was sentenced at Gloucester Assizes to penal servitude for life for the manslaughter of a woman, aged 70, who was employed as a domestic help at the small holding at which the prisoner worked.

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Harry Smith, the mate of a steam drifter, who, at great risk to his life, rescued a member of the crew who had fallen overboard and was sinking, has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's gold medal for the bravest deed of 1926.

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Sir Oswald Stoll informed the Brighton licensing magistrates that in 1928, when the housing subsidy came to an end, and, automatically, building costs would fall, he would proceed with his scheme to build a £500,000 cinema, winter garden, and restaurant in West Street.

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In the Court of Bankruptcy Mr. Registrar Mellor approved a scheme of arrangement accepted by the creditors in the case of the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, under which, it was stated, they would receive about 9s. in the £. The receiving order was rescinded.

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Special inducements, such as the waiving of visa fees and extra railway facilities, are being offered to American delegates to the International Rotary Convention at Ostend and members of the American Legion and their friends to visit Great Britain before they return home.

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Mr. Baddeley, the Minister for Labour has introduced into Parliament a Child Endowment Bill. It is proposed, at present, to pay in respect of children of employees at the rate of 5s. weekly for each child under 14, provided the family income does not exceed £364 annually, including endowment. Domestic employees are excluded from the benefits of the measure.

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Judgment was entered for Mr. Maurice L. Silverman, manufacturers' agent, Earlham Road, Forest-gate, for £52 10s. damages in his action against the Imperial London Hotels Ltd. for damages in respect of personal injuries sustained, it was alleged, as the result of insect-bites inflicted upon him when using the Turkish baths at the Imperial Hotel, Russell-square.

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A statue to the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was unveiled in the members' Lobby of the House of Commons by the Earl of Balfour. When, Lord Balfour said, the historian forgot all the mutations of political fortune and the bitterness of controversy, he would admit that no man had left a deeper impress than Mr. Chamberlain upon the development of the Empire or had done more to help on the common cause of social reform.

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Apart from a demand for alternative programmes there has been found to be practically no unanimity in the opinions of the members of the bodies represented on the Advisory Committee. There has been something like general agreement in criticising programmes on the ground that they are too "scrappy." Professor A. M. Low has submitted a suggestion to the Postmaster-General that every person taking out a licence should be furnished with a form and asked to submit answers to four simple questions on programme policy.

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In order that an opportunity might be given to work out more scientific principles for the settlement of industrial problems, Mr. W. L. Hichens, the chairman of Cammell, Laird, and Co., Ltd., urged at the League of Nations Union Conference that both sides in industry should agree to a five years' truce. At the end of the period, he was convinced, real wages would be far higher than they could possibly be if strikes and lock-outs were to remain the order of the day. Declaring that Capital and Labour stood facing each other across a frontier line, Sir Harold Bowden suggested at a Labour Co-partnership Association luncheon that industrialists and labour leaders should hold a round-table conference to draw up a new code of industrial relations.

Sir Wilfrid Scott Stokes, the inventor of the Stokes gun, has died, aged 66.

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The Great Western Railway deny the statement that the company intends running a new boat service between Plymouth and the Channel Islands.

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Sturry Court, the famous sixteenth-century manor house of the Milner family, presented to King's School, Canterbury, by Lady Milner, has been formally handed over.

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Eva, Lady Seton, widow of Sir William Samuel Seton, the ninth baronet, who was found unconscious at her house in Goldington-road, Bedford, later died in hospital.

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Expressing the opinion that he ought never to have been granted a driving licence, the Stafford magistrates fined a motor-car driver 10s. and seven guineas costs for driving a motor-van dangerously. The man, who is paralysed in the right arm, collided with a stationary motor and a cyclist. The Bench suspended the licence sine die.

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"The business point of view is the real secret of good farming," said the Prince of Wales, proposing the toast of the Melton Mowbray farmers. "It is no use nowadays trying to run a farm as a hobby, and there is no room for sentiment or eyewash in the administration of it. The farmer has to be a bit of a chemist, a bit of a botanist, and a bit of a mechanical engineer, but all these bits will not make a farmer unless his cornerstone is a sound business sense. It is a matter of careful, scientific management, with a very shrewd eye on the main chance."

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Stepping down from a motor-bus, Mrs. Annes, of Kempston, was run into by a motor-car and died in Bedford Hospital. The car was passing between two omnibuses at the time.

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It is proposed to unite the parishes of Whitechapel, Limehouse, and St. George-in-the-East and the hamlet of Mile-End Old Town into one parish called Stepney for Ministry of Health purposes.

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Speaking on the motion for the Address to the Throne, the Marquis of Salisbury said that there would be danger in not responding to the public demand for a modification of the trade-union law. It was not the desire of the Government to take up an attitude of hostility to trade unions.

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Jewellery worth about £3,000 which was removed from a trunk belonging to Mrs. Macpherson, wife of Mr. Ian Macpherson, K.C., M.P., while being conveyed from Monte Carlo, is reported to have been found in the possession of a French railway employee, who has been arrested.

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Mr. Churchill, addressing a Conservative meeting at Manchester, said that all our obligations throughout the year had been paid out of taxation. Although the amount available for the reduction of the National Debt would be far less than he had hoped, it would be substantial.

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With a Napier-Campbell motor-car of British construction throughout, Captain Malcolm Campbell succeeded, on Pendine sands, Carmarthenshire, in breaking the world's records for the mile and the kilo. For the mile his speed was 174.224 miles per hour, and for the kilo 171.019 miles per hour.

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The Australasian Medical Congress has opened in Dunedin N. Z. In his opening speech the President said that the members of the congress would endeavour to stimulate cancer research, and, referring to the proposed inauguration, during the meeting of the congress, of an Australasian College of Surgeons, he said that the promoters would endeavour to combine the good points of the Royal College of Surgeons of the British Isles with those of the College.

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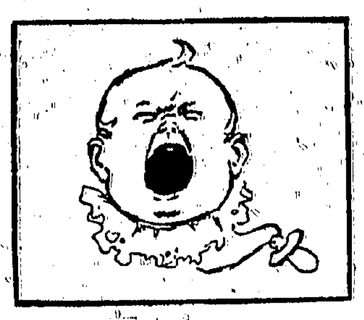

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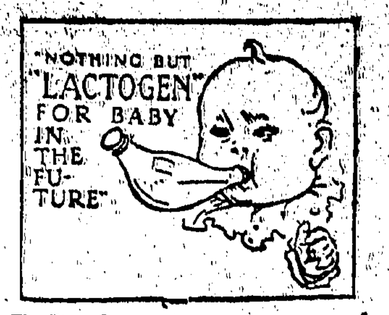

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INWARD MAILS.

From		Per
	EDNESDAY, MARCH	23
Straits		Kut Sang.
Straits		Janus.
Shanghai		Shantung.
	THURSDAY, MARCH	24
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London 24th Feb.)		Eumaeus.
Shanghai		Yingchow.
	FRIDAY, MARCH	25
Japan & Shanghai		Haruna Maru.
Straits		Teesta.
	SUNDAY, MARCH	27
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London 24th Feb.)		Gogra.
	MONDAY, MARCH	28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Hayes.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Pierce.
	FRIDAY, APRIL	1
Japan & Shanghai		Macedonia.
	SUNDAY, APRIL	3
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Jackson.
	TUESDAY, APRIL	5
Japan & Shanghai		Antenor.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For		Per	
	WEDNESDAY,	MARCH 23	
Swatow		Yan On	3.30 p.m.
Bangkok		Bearport	3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Kotou Maru	5 p.m.
Hoihow & Pakhoi		Jade	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Chung Hing	5 p.m.
	THURSDAY,	MARCH 24	
Swatow		Klungchow	10.30 a.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong		Tean	12.30 p.m.
Straits		Apoey	2.30 p.m.
Amoy		Ichang	3.30 p.m.
	FRIDAY,	MARCH 25	
Shanghai & Japan		Janus	8.30 a.m.
Batavia		Tjikembang	11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		Hai Ning	1 p.m.
Amoy		Kutsang	5 p.m.
	SATURDAY,	MARCH 26	
Manila		Eelbeck	9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th April. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		Haruna Maru.	
Wei Hai Wei		Kueichow	2.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels 3 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Fook Sang.	
Amoy		Antung	5 p.m.
	SUNDAY,	MARCH 27	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Hozan Maru	8.30 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok		Kwangchow	8.30 a.m.
	MONDAY,	MARCH 28	
Straits & Calcutta		Bingo Maru	10.30 a.m.
	TUESDAY,	MARCH 29	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th April. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Paul Lecat.	

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WAR DEBTS.

Great Britain's Position Explained.

BURDENS OF THE TAXPAYER.

Rugby, March 22.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a number of questions on war debts, denied that Great Britain would receive more from German reparations than she would have to pay to the United States. He said that the amount was about one-third. During the calendar year 1927, he proceeded, Great Britain should receive £12,750,000 in respect of German reparations, including Belgian war debts, and £9,500,000 in respect of Allied War Debts, or £22,500,000 in all, and would pay £23,000,000 to the United States.

"During 1928 Great Britain should receive £16,750,000 from reparations, and £11,500,000 from war debts, or £28,250,000 altogether, and would again pay £33,000,000 to the United States.

In 1929 and onwards our receipts would be sufficient, on the assumption that it is found possible to transfer the full Dawes annuity to cover current payment to the United States, which would rise in 1933 to nearly £38,000,000.

But even if the full Dawes payments were received each year for 50 years from now, our receipts from reparations and Allied war debts would not be sufficient on the basis of present values to cover our payments to the United States, including those made in the past before we received anything from our debtors.

Further, in acordance with the policy of (?) note, the Government had undertaken that, in the event of the aggregate receipts from reparations and allied war debts exceeding their agreed payment to the United States, including those made in the past, they would make proportional abatement on the next payments due to them, so that in no circumstances could the Government retain any excess over payments to the United States.—British Wireless Service.

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FOREIGNERS' ESCAPE

Shanghai, March 23.

Chaos reigned when Shanghai awakened this morning.

The foreign authorities are unable to get into touch with General Pai Ching-hsi, Commander of the Cantonese forces.

The reason is that outside the Settlement boundaries, what with between tens of thousands of refugees, numerous criminals, Nationalist gunmen, armed Shantung troops and promiscuous gunfire, the situation is still utterly chaotic.

Mr. Baldwin's reply to the Labour member Garro-Jones yesterday regarding the "kaleidoscopic situation" is peculiarly true.

A big effort is being made today to secure contact, although it is impossible to guarantee the personal safety of anyone, no matter whom, going beyond the Settlement boundary.—Reuter.

Officers' Escape From Death.

Later.

It was a mere fluke that Major Hilton Johnson and Lieut.-Col. Heywood escaped alive. Fuller details available to-day show that their mission was to get in touch with a certain Cantonese who they had been assured was Pi Ching-hsi's accredited representative in order to get him to accompany them to Chapei to assure such of the Shantung leaders as might have some authority that General Pi Shou-chen, (Shanghai Defence Commissioner) had surrendered, their main object being, if possible, to endeavour to stop or mitigate what was going on in Chapei.

They got in touch with their man but he would not accompany them back. It was on the return journey that the real trouble began.

About 100 armed workers stopped the cars, then some Nationalists in plain clothes and some armed "black shirts with red sashes" came up and asked questions of them.

"Kill Them."

The prominent Chinese official accompanying the Englishmen fully explained. The crowd grew truculent and swarmed over the car. Some advised killing and others "slitting."

Lieut.-Col. Heywood and Major Johnson had a revolver. Johnson sat tight in the car, the latter pressing hard against the former in order that the mob might not discover that Lieut.-Col. Heywood was unarmed. Had the mob known that Heywood was armed they would almost certainly have shot him.

At one time it looked all up, rifles and revolvers pointing at them from all directions, some even pressing against them.

What finally saved them was the aforementioned prominent official's ability to convince another party of the plain clothes army who arrived on the scene what their mission was.

Even so, before they were allowed to go, Johnson signed—under duress, of course—a statement that he was sorry "he had introduced the British army into Chinese territory without Nationalist permission."

The incident is typical of the risks which must be taken in the present atmosphere by negotiators outside the Settlement confines.—Reuter.

Shantung Troops Surrender.

Shanghai, March 23.

Over 5,000 Cantonese troops have arrived here and 3,000 Shantung troops have surrendered to the Japanese on the North Eastern border.

Something of a problem was what to do with them and the thousands of refugees who are still swarming in.

Up to noon to-day the foreign authorities were not able to get in touch with the Cantonese General, Pi Ching-hsi.—Reuter.

Nanking Evacuations.

Shanghai, March 23.

The American gunboat "Isabel" has gone to Nanking from Hankow.

The evacuation of the women and children from Nanking continues. The evacuees are going to Shanghai on board merchant vessels as fast as accommodation is available.

Others are taking refuge aboard British and American warcraft until space is available.

Chinese are also evacuating Nanking.

It is reported that the Nationalists are within a few miles of the walls of Nanking.—Reuter.

Shanghai, March 23.

The situation was generally quieter this morning. General Pi Ching-shi, commanding the Cantonese, is at Lunghwa. He has only 2,500 troops at present.

The foreign authorities are endeavouring to get in touch with him to-day.

Chapei is comparatively quieter but there is still much lawlessness. —Reuter.

MORE BRITISH GLOVES.

Rugby, March 22.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons that the production of leather gloves in the last quarter of 1926, following the imposition of the import duty under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, was nearly 30 per cent. greater than in the quarter of 1925.

The figures were approximately 132,000 dozen pairs against 102,000 dozen.

The output of fabric gloves in the last quarter of 1926 likewise exceeded that of the last quarter of 1925 by more than one third.—British Wireless Service.

GUNBOAT AT CANTON.

Canton, March 22.

The gunboat "Hai Au" of the Fukien Navy arrived in Canton from Amoy on Sunday.

This gunboat formerly belonged to the fleet controlled by Chou Yin-jen, the defeated Northern general of Fukien. — "Canton Gazette."

A Chinese woman living in an unnumbered hut on the hillside at Saiwanho yesterday committed suicide by hanging. She was still alive when cut down, but died soon after admittance to the hospital.

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THERMOS FLASKS.

DETECTIVES FIND STOLEN PROPERTY.

Detectives yesterday executed search warrants at Nos. 55 and 74 Jervois Street and seized a quantity of thermos flasks—117 in one house and 45 in the other. No arrests were made. The goods, it is believed, are stolen property and further investigations are being carried out.

Canton Government organisations have been informed by Mr. Lo Min, managing director of the Canton-Samshui and the Canton-Kowloon (Chinese section) Railways, that the two railways will henceforth be under the control of one management, which will be established at the head office of the C.-K.R. This arrangement has been made (says the "Canton Gazette") in compliance with an order issued recently by Mr. Sun Fo, the Nationalist Minister of Communications.

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